THE HAYNER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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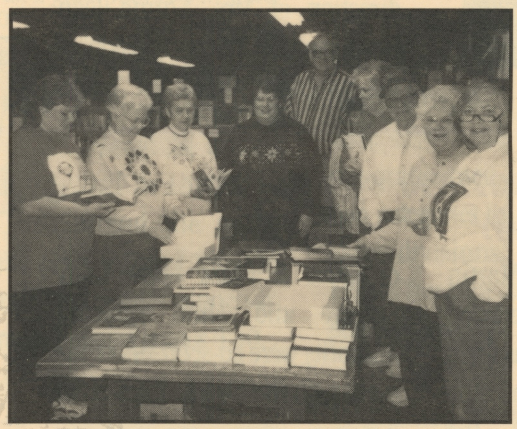
FRIENDS OF THE HAYNER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

How does one define a "friend of the library?" A Hayner friend can be defined as a concerned individual interested in making literature and reading available at a very reasonable price. A friend is also a person who collects peoples' treasures and shares them with others.



Friends at work sorting books for their upcoming Spring Book Sale. From left to right: Sarah Kancurek, Sarah Huber, Pat Renault, Nancy Kremming, David Strasser, Nancy Boyd, Carole McKemie, Bill Winter, Pat Maher, Sona Winter.

The Friends group for Hayner began in 1981 with 9 members that has grown to 46 members in 1999. Every Monday morning a group of 12-15 friends are at the Barrett Building at 327 State Street sorting through donated items for their upcoming spring book sale.

At the outset of their existence, the Friends made a conscious decision that their focus would be to help the Youth Library with its end of summer reading program activities and holiday programs and to sponsor a fall and spring book sale each year. The Friends first book sale held in May, 1982 netted $350. Over the years book sale receipts steadily increased to over the $4000 range in 1998.

The library has been the recipient of these funds. Throughout the years the Friends have purchased such items as computers, printers, art prints, summer reading trophies, puppet theater, laminating machine, copy machine, Robert Wadlow films and videos of the new Clark Bridge.

Two often asked questions of the Friends group include "What do you do with the books left after a book sale?" The books are offered to teachers, nursing homes and nonprofit organizations–recycling in progress. The second question asked is "What types of books do you want for a book sale?" The Friends take any type of materials and will pick up from an individual's home if necessary. A person just needs to contact the library and arrangements will be made for any pickup of materials.

Officers of the Friends group include David Strasser, President; Susan Wilikinson, Vice-President; June Weinrich, Secretary and Pat Renault, Treasurer.

If you would like to become a Friend of Hayner Library contact one of the officers or you can mail a check for your membership to Friends of Hayner Public Library District, 401 State Street, Alton, IL 62002. Membership fees are $2 for students; $5 for an individual membership; $10 for a family membership; $25 for a patron membership; $50 for a contributor membership; and $100 for a life membership.

Come meet the Friends in action at their upcoming spring book sale that will be held on May 6th, 7th and 8th at 327 State Street. ■

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MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, if you would like to be added to the mailing list or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays: Easter Sunday (April 4); Mother's Day (Sun., May 9); Memorial Day (Sun., May 30 and Mon., May 31).

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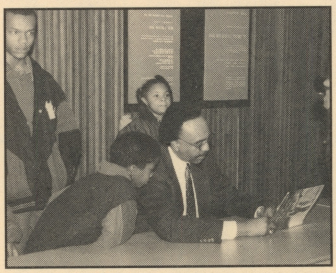
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR SPEAKS AT EUNICE PERRY MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Clifton Taulbert, award-winning author of Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored, The Last Train North, Eight Habits of the Heart and Little Cliff and the Porch People was the featured speaker at the second annual Eunice Perry Memorial Program that was held in Hatheway Hall auditorium on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College.

Clifton Taulbert



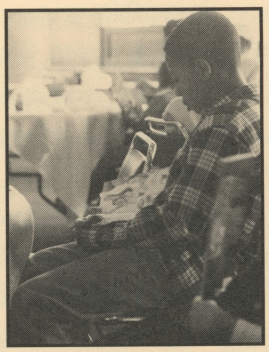
Clifton Taulbert

The program opened with a performance by the Alton High School Gospel Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Norma Jean Henderson. At the conclusion of the program, Afrocentric Books of St. Louis provided a book fair in the lobby of the auditorium. Mr. Taulbert autographed copies of his books for those in attendance. ■

LIBRARY HOLDS BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST IN HONOR OF DR. KING'S BIRTHDAY

The second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Brotherhood Breakfast for families was held on January 18th in the Multimedia Room of the Advanced Technology Center Building on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College. The Family Literacy Connection of Lewis & Clark Community College and Alton Housing Authority were co-sponsors of the event with the library. Each child attending the program received a paperback book as a memento.

Families were entertained by stories of Martin Luther King and a puppet drama titled "Respect" performed by Steve Fahrig and Olivia Neal from the Youth Services department of the library. The program ended with everyone holding hands and singing "We Shall Overcome" led by Olivia Neal. ■



STAFF PICKS - THIS IS WHAT WE'RE READING. WE LIKED THEM... YOU MIGHT TOO!

Instruments of Night
by Thomas H. Cook. Fiction
An author is called upon to use his imagination to solve a 50-year-old murder. Full of twists and turns and riveting suspense –Bernie D.

Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition
by Caroline. Alexander.
Non-fiction
True story of famous explorer Ernest Shackleton's 1914 expedition to Antarctica and the two-year epic of survival when the crew's boat is crushed in ice. Includes remarkable photographs –Bernie D.

Treks Not Taken
by Steven R. Boyett.
Science Fiction
A hilarious parody of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. "Episodes" are written in the style of famous authors such as Stephen King ("The Trekking"), Dr. Seuss ("Oh, the Treks You'll take"), Ernest

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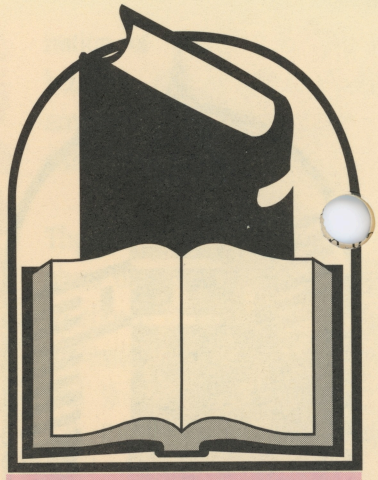


NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: FICTION

Baker, Kevin. DREAMLAND
Bradley, Marion Zimmer. TRAITOR'S SUN
Braun, Lilian Jackson. THE CAT WHO SAW STARS
Clancy, Tom. AIR COMMAND
Cook, Robin. VECTOR
Cornwell, Patricia. SOUTHERN CROSS
Coulter, Catherine. THE EDGE
Griffin, W.E.B. IN DANGER'S PATH
Higgins, Jack. THE WHITE HOUSE CONNECTION
Hoffman, Alice. LOCAL GIRLS
Muller, Marcia. DUO: STORIES
Parker, Robert B. HUSH MONEY
Roberts, Nora. RIVER'S END
Sandford, John. CERTAIN PREY
Wendel, Tim. CASTRO'S CURVEBALL

NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: NONFICTION

CIVIL WAR RECIPES: Receipts from the Pages of Godey's Lady's Book
Davis, James E. FRONTIER ILLINOIS
Hagstrom, Robert G. THE WARREN BUFFETT PORTFOLIO
McMurtry, Larry. CRAZY HORSE
MYTHS, LEGENDS AND FOLKTALES OF AMERICA: An Anthology
Shulman, Seth. OWNING THE FUTURE: STAKING CLAIMS ON THE KNOWLEDGE FRONTIER
Stahl, Lesley. REPORTING LIVE
Wald, Elijah. RIVER OF SONG: A MUSICAL JOURNEY DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI

Special Events at Hayner

Tuesday, March 16
6:30 p.m.

Irish Folk Music Program. Start your St. Patrick's Day celebration early and join us here at the library for some great Irish music. On Tuesday, March 16, local musician Danny O'Dea will perform some of the best of Irish music during his program featuring the songs and stories of Ireland. Whether you're Irish or Irish at heart, join us Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. for "Folk Music by Danny O'Dea." The program will be held in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room in the Adult Library downtown. Seating is limited, so please call the Adult Library at 462-0651 to make reservations.

Wednesday, March 17
7-8 p.m.

How Finn McCoul Defeated the Giant & Other Tales of Ireland will be told by youth services librarian and storyteller, Pam Klipsch at the Youth Library. The program is designed for children ages 5-10 accompanied by an adult. Registration opens Saturday, March 13 in person or by phone at the Youth Library (462-0652). Refreshments will be served following the program.

Thursday, March 25
6:30 p.m.

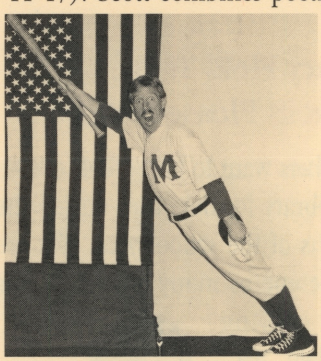
Attention Gardeners: **"Food for the Mind, Flowers for the Soul"** program will be presented by Leah and Ed Meyer, owners of Summerfield Farm in Godfrey at the **Adult Library** in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room. Seating will be limited. Please call the Adult Library to register for the program (462-0651). The Meyers were featured in the Winter 1998 newsletter.

Thursday, March 25
7 p.m.

Short Story Contest for Teens Winners will be announced at a gala publication party in the **Youth Library**. Everyone who entered the contest will be invited to attend the party. First, second and third place prizes of $50, $35 and $20 will be awarded the contest winners in the two divisions: grades 6-8 and grades 9-10.

Sunday, April 11
2 p.m.

Actor and story performer Scott Hanson will present his one man show ***Casey at the Bat*** at the **Youth Library** to kick off our celebration of **National Library Week** (April 11-17). Scott combines poetry, song, mime, juggling and even a touch of magic in Ernest Thayer's classic ode to the great American pasttime. Registration for this program opens Saturday, April 3 in person or by phone at the Youth Library. Space is limited and registrations will be taken until all available places are filled. This is a family program suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program. Call the Youth Library to register (462-0652).



Scott Hanson

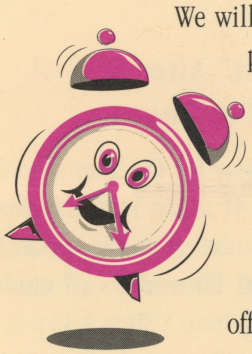
Thursday, April 15
7 p.m.

Beyond Words Photo Contest Winners will be announced in the Metzger Conference Room of the Youth Library (lower level). Prizes of $100, $50, $25 and $10 will be awarded to the first, second, third and honorable mention categories in three divisions. Photos from the contest entries will be on display for viewing.

BEYOND WORDS
CELEBRATING AMERICA'S LIBRARIES
PHOTO CONTEST

"Time To Wake Up, World!" Preschool Story Times At Youth And Branch

Time To Wake Up, World! is the theme for the spring session of preschool story time for ages 3-5. Registration opens Saturday, March 6. We will take registrations in person or by phone until all available places are filled. Please register at the location where your child will be attending the program. We are offering two groups, one on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Library and one on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Alton Square Branch Library. Children must be three years old as of March 1, 1999 to attend this session of story time.



The program includes stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays, puppet shows, rhythmic activities and videos. The **six week session** runs from **March 16/18 through April 20/22**. To register, call Gloria Mitchell at the Youth Library (462-0652) or Rhoda Cairns at the Branch Library (463-1276).

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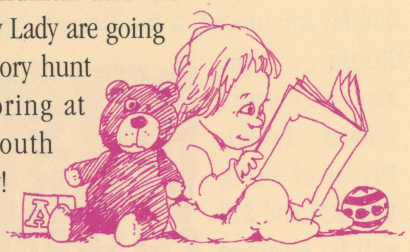
Family Bedtime Stories At Youth Library

Mr. Sandman and the Lullaby Lady are going on a story hunt this spring at the Youth Library!

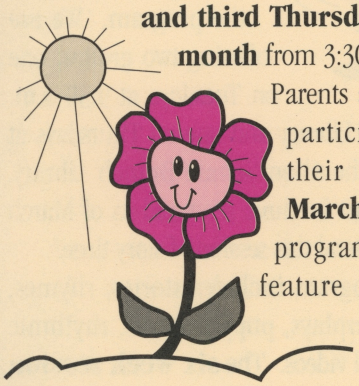


Registration for the spring session of family bedtime story time opens March 6 for children ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult. We will take registrations in person or by phone until all available places are filled. The group meets on **Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m.** at the Youth Library. Children must be two years old as of March 1, 1999 to attend this session.

Mr. Sandman and the Lullaby Lady provide a program of stories, songs, rhymes and puppet shows. Children may attend in their pajamas. The **six week session** runs from **March 16 through April 20**. To register call Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library (462-0652).

"Flower-Power" After School Crafts Continue

Places are still available for the after school craft series for ages 6-11 at the Youth Library. There are two groups meeting on the **second and third Thursdays of each month** from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Parents are invited to participate with their children. **March and April** programs will each feature a different "flower-power" craft. For more information call Heather Whiteside at the Youth Library (462-0652).

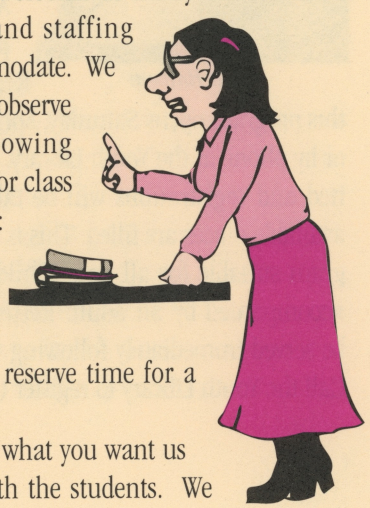


Traveling Puppet Show Available For Preschool And Kindergarten Visits

Our traveling puppet show has prepared a special program called ***Ready, Set, Read!*** for visits to preschools, day cares and kindergarten classes located in the library district. We will begin taking bookings for this program on Monday, March 22. We ask that teachers in the same building who want to take advantage of this program should coordinate scheduling and have one teacher call to book for everyone. The program lasts about 40 minutes, up to three consecutive sessions can be booked in the same building on the same day. We will take bookings until all available time slots are filled. For more information on this program please call Gloria Mitchell or Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library (462-0652).

Library Field Trips… Teachers Please Note!

Many teachers want to bring their classes to the Youth Library for field trips during the last two months of the school year. We are pleased to welcome as many classes as our schedule and staffing can accommodate. We ask you to observe the following guidelines for class field trips: call at least two weeks in advance to reserve time for a field trip.



Tell us what you want us to cover with the students. We offer a tour and brief history of the library building; or a short, general introduction to the organization of the library and an overview of the kinds of materials and services we provide; or a story time and puppet show along with a talk about how to take care of library books. Due to limited space and equipment we are not able to provide in depth instruction on the library's automated catalog or Internet access.

Groups should be limited in size to 30 children or less, and each group should be accompanied by at least three adults (one adult for every ten children). For more information please call the Youth Library (462-0652).

Remember the Library is Free for All!

All library-sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all residents and cardholders of the Hayner Public Library Dis For more information on the library and library activities check out our website at **http://www.altonweb.com/hayner**, our monthly column in **The Telegraph**, or catch us on **WBGZ Radio's** morning call-in show. Or call the library.

Main Library
326 Belle Street
462-0651

Youth Library
401 State Street
462-0652

Branch Library
Alton Square
463-1276

PATRON PROFILE: Dianne Burton

by Bernadette Duvernoy,
Library Assistant

Dianne Burton is the subject of this issue's patron profile. She is a business woman who has contributed in many ways to the Alton community.

Dianne began her professional career as a manager at Towata Art Gallery in downtown Alton. There, she started framing for artists and antique dealers on a wholesale basis. Upon obtaining a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Dianne worked for the May Company as a Visual Merchandising Consultant and also designed model home interiors for construction companies. Through word of mouth she was sought out to continue framing for individual residences and interior design firms. Following the flood of 1993, Dianne opened her own retail art gallery, representing local artists.

This past summer, Dianne decided to re-focus her business on the individual customer (as opposed to artists), providing a variety of services including framing, installation, restoration, and appraisals. She hopes this will also allow her to spend more time with her daughter, Kate, before she goes off to college in just two more years!

Dianne has moved her home and business, Burton Art Services, to a new location at 908 State St. Dianne is really excited about her new home. Built in 1826 and made of native limestone, the house was a grocery store during the Civil War. From the street side, the structure looks to be a one-level building, but it is built against the hill and is actually a three-story structure, the back of which looks into woods. Dianne says, "It's like living in a tree house!"

Dianne is also an Illinois State Nature Reserves Commissioner. Commissioned by the Governor's office, the responsibility of this position is to steward all nature preserve properties in the state, including the 400-acre Olin Nature Preserve. Additionally, Dianne is a member of the River Bend Growth Association and recently helped develop a seminar geared towards success and the small business.

Dianne Burton

Dianne really likes to focus on preserving early Alton painting and artwork. She recently finished a project for Hayner Library, mounting framing and hanging maps from an original 1873 Madison County almanac. You can see these works in the Illinois Room at the Adult Library. She is in the process of restoring other artwork in the Library, including some early Alton watercolors. Take a look at these the next time you're in the Library. ■

"CABIN FEVER"

In the weeks after Christmas
Cabin fever took hold.
Snow and sleet pelted.
It was horribly cold.

The north wind kept blowing
the skies were all gray.
The snow and the ice
just would not go away.

We're trying to deal with
the weather we've got.
We sip mugs of cocoa—
the kind that is hot.

We sniffle and sneeze
and long for the day
Blue skies will appear
as the clouds go away.

We're stuck in our houses—
sidewalks are all covered
And yet overhead
even more snow clouds
hovered.

We've twisted our ankles
and bruised our behinds
Cabin fever is trying
to mess with our minds.

The streets have been
salted—
our cars are a mess.
At least we can travel
around more or less.

We think about springtime
and peek out the door.
The snow is now melting...
What?! the forecast says
MORE? ■

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Hemingway ("The Ship Also Rises"), and Michael Crichton ("Jurassic Trek"). *Star Trek* fans shouldn't miss this! –Susan K.

Open Your Eyes
by Alexandra Stoddard.
Non-fiction
Well-known interior decorator Stoddard uses the principles of sight as well as her own personal knowledge and experiences to help us experience the interiors of our homes and personal spaces in a different way. Her goal is to teach us not just to look at, but to see the spaces around us and learn how to make them more pleasant both visually and spiritually
–Susan K.

Yankee Doodle Dead
by Carolyn Hart. Mystery Fiction
Newest in the Annie and Max Darling series. Annie owns a resort bookstore called Death on Demand. Here the town's mystery readers gather to discuss mysteries as well as help solve the ones Max and Annie find themselves in. Fun writing with mystery author name-dropping throughout and characters that become your friends, Hart's series is perfect for readers who like their mysteries cozy
–Stephanie M.

Free Man of Color and Fever Season by Barbara Hambly. Mystery Fiction
Mystery series featuring antebellum New Orleans and Benjamin January, accomplished musician, trained surgeon and reluctant investigator. January returns to his native city after 20 years in Paris and is having a hard time readjusting to the restricted world of the "Free colored". In Man of Free Color, January finds himself accused of murdering the greedy mistress of a member of one of New Orleans' most powerful Creole families. To clear

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himself, January must discover the real murderer-and the real motive-for her death. Fever Season finds January risking both his freedom and his life to solve a disappearance and find out the horrible secrets behind the locked doors of a New Orleans mansion –Pam K.

We Interrupt This Broadcast

by Joe Garner. Non-fiction

Collection of dramatic events that stopped radio, television and our lives. Presented in a book/CD format with narration by Bill Kurtis. Audio from the actual events themselves and powerful photographs makes these history-changing events come alive again –Katie S

The Light of Falling Stars

by J. Robert Lennon. Fiction

A commuter plane crashes in a small Montana town. Author Lennon tells the stories of those affected by it–the couple who witness it, the survivor, those left waiting for someone who will never arrive. In strong, clear prose Lennon examines feelings of loss, love, regret and finally being able to carry on again –Katie S.

Marrying Mom

by Olivia Goldsmith. Fiction

Olivia Goldsmith gives her readers a new twist on dealing with death in the family. Phyllis Geronomous' grown children take us along on their mission to get Mom married and off their hands! Readers will be able to relate to the characters in this hilarious book that will keep them laughing from cover to cover! –Jeff O.

Evening

by Susan Minot. Fiction

A woman on her deathbed vacillating between consciousness and unconsciousness revisits the great passions of her life. A haunting novel –Bernie D.

Ingenious Pain

by Andrew Miller. Fiction

A novel about an English surgeon who is impervious to physical pain. Offers exposure to 18th century philosophical thought, medical practice and historical events –Bernie D. ■

BEYOND WORDS CELEBRATING AMERICA'S LIBRARIES PHOTO CONTEST

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to capture the spirit of the library in the ***Beyond Words: Celebrating America's Libraries*** Photo Contest. It is being sponsored by Hayner Library in celebration of the Bicentennial of the Library of Congress in the year 2000.

Photos should demonstrate the best of what the library has to offer–whether it's a place to study, surf the Internet, enjoy a story, check out a new mystery or video, and/or how the library makes a difference in a person's life. Today's libraries provide an array of resources to build a nation of readers and lifelong learners. Photos can be taken anywhere the library makes a difference.

The contest is open to photographers of all ages. Winners will be chosen in three divisions: 1) professional; 2) amateur/adult; and 3) amateur/youth (ages 6-17). Rules and entry forms are available at all three Hayner locations. Entries will be accepted through ***April 2, 1999***.

Prizes will be awarded in each division. They include $100 for first place; $50 for second place; $25 for third place and $10 for honorable mention. Winners will be announced on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Metzger Conference Room located on the lower level of the Youth Library.

The top three winners in each division will be forwarded for judging in the national Beyond Words Photo Contest sponsored by the American Library Association and the Library of Congress. Start snapping those pictures. ■

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Hours of Operation

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THE TELEGRAPH INDEX — HAYNER'S RESEARCH GEM

One of Hayner Library's most unique and valuable resources is its *Alton Telegraph* index. This index to Alton's newspaper offers a wealth of information to genealogists and local history buffs and a timesaving tool to the patron who just needs to find an obituary.

The index currently covers the years 1836 to 1939 and 1970 to 1989. It can be used to help locate not only personal names in the *Telegraph*, but also subjects such as businesses, organizations or historical events from the Alton area. If an article has been cited, the index lists the date, section, page and column where the story can be found and whether or not a picture is included. Hayner holds the newspaper itself on microfilm, from 1836 to current, so the entire article can be easily read or printed out.

The original *Telegraph* index began as a Work Projects Administration activity in the 1930's. Workers indexed the years 1836-1933 on cards. These cards seemed forgotten until the 1970's when they resurfaced during a renovation project at the newspaper. At that time, the library and the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association published the index in book form. The library also picked up where the WPA left off, completing the indexing of the 1930's while simultaneously indexing the current newspapers.

Staff members that index the ***Telegraph****– Martha Fry (sitting), Marjorie Hallett, Pam Smith.*

The index project continued with generous support from the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association and help from the Alton Foundation until it came under the library itself. The project is now computerized and employs three Hayner staff members with the finished index produced on microfilm. Currently the early 1990's are being indexed with plans to go back and cover the earlier years that have not been done.

The *Telegraph* index and the Telegraph on microfilm are located at the Adult Library downtown. There are two microfilm readers at that location and staff that can show researchers how to use them. Both microfilm readers have printing capability with copies $.10 per page. Whether you're doing detailed research or just need an obituary fast, try the *Telegraph* index first and see if it can do some of the hard work for you. ■

NEW STAFF AT THE YOUTH LIBRARY

Geralyn Lindow

Please join us in welcoming Geralyn Lindow to the staff of the Youth Library. Geralyn is a transplant from Minnesota. She and husband Paul and their four children live in Bethalto now. Geralyn has been a teacher and a home school mother for the past nine years. In her mythical spare time she enjoys crafts and sewing. Geralyn will be doing our craft programs and story times at the Branch Library. She succeeds (because no one could possibly replace) Heather Whiteside, who is leaving the Youth Library to get married and move to Tennessee. A warm welcome to Geralyn and best wishes for all future happiness to Heather! ■

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Father's Day (Sunday, June 20)
Independence Day (Sunday, July 4)

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STAFF PICKS - WHAT WE'RE READING...

Do I Know You ?: Living Through the End of a Parent's Life

by Betty Ann Moskowitz. Non-fiction

The author takes the reader through stages of denial to gradual acceptance of facts and role reversal with a parent's mental decline. She discusses the doubts we have concerning the decision to place a loved one in a care facility and the skepticism and mistrust of the actual care delivered and supports readers in the emotions they have at this time and lets them know these feelings are not unique –Cathie L.

The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory

by Brian R. Green. Non-fiction

Presents an intelligent explanation of the theories of scientific law that govern the universe. Clearly written and easy to understand by the average person –Cathie L.

Saga of a Wayward Sailor

by Tristan Jones. Non-fiction

Autobiographical sketches of Jones' adventures–both the dangers he encounters and the characters he meets during his small boat seafaring with his three-legged dog Nelson. From the Baltic Sea to the Atlantic and beyond, Jones salty tales are full of humor but also offer the philosophy of overcoming adversity. Jones has written several non-fiction and fiction books –Jan H.

Dave Barry in Cyberspace

by Dave Barry. Non-fiction

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Dave Barry takes a hilarious look at the Internet, computers, and his lack of ability to use both. Computer lovers and haters alike will laugh out loud reading about Dave's attempts at using the World Wide Web to access web sites, chat rooms, and his misadventures in buying his own PC. This book is a definite "must read" for anyone thinking of entering the computer age – Mary P.

Darkness Take My Hand

by Dennis Lehane. Fiction

A Boston PI tracks down a serial killer...grizzly violence and suspense...a real page turner but definitely NOT for the squeamish. Great characters and wisecracking dialogue. If you are a John Sandford or Thomas Harris fan, I'm betting you'll love Lehane – Bernie D.

Nice Work if You Can Get It: My Life in Rhythm and Rhyme

by Michael Feinstein. Non-fiction

Michael Feinstein's autobiography chronicling his growth and development as a performer including the six years he spent working with Ira Gershwin. Lots of fascinating anecdotes of some of the great contemporary composers including the Gershwins, Harry Warren, Harold Arlen, Irving Berlin and more. You can check out Mr. Feinstein's CD's and video at the library too! – Bernie D.

Outlander

by Diana Gabaldon. Fiction

An oldie, but good. If you like adventure and period settings, this series by Diana Gabaldon, Outlander, Dragonfly in Amber, Voyager and Drums of Autumn will keep you riveted. Remember, be careful of the Stones...– Ginger T.

My Master's Touch

by Lynda Nelson. Fiction

A heartfelt story of Jesus as told by a tiny burro, this beautifully written story, My Master's Touch, is a "master's piece." A powerful story in a tiny book – Ginger T.

The Hairstons: an American Family in Black and White

by Henry Wiencek. Non-fiction

A fascinating look at slavery and its legacy as shown through the black and white members of the Hairston family, one of the wealthiest and largest slave holders in pre-Civil War America. Plantation accounts, family papers and oral histories document plantation life for both groups. Wiencek spent seven years researching and writing what happened to the family lines down through modern descendants today with the mystery of a lost child at the center of this very readable story –Katie S.

Cold Sassy Tree

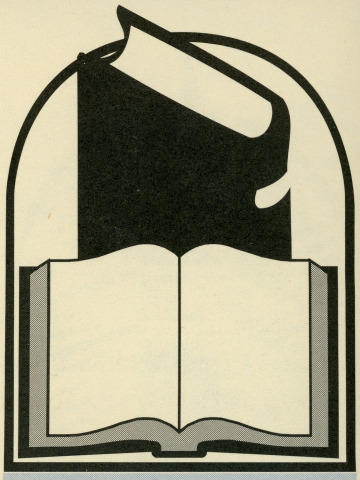
by Olive Ann Burns. Fiction

An older book but still wonderful. It's the turn of the century in Georgia. 14-year-old Will Tweedy's grandfather owns the town's general store. When Grandpa elopes with a lady half his age three weeks after his wife's death, Will watches his family and the town react the way families and small towns do. Warm, honest, funny – you'll love Burns' characters and the town she creates. This is one of those books you hate to see end –Katie S.

In the Lake of the Woods

by Tim O'Brien. Fiction

After an unsuccessful bid for U.S. Senate, a bid destroyed by his hidden past in Vietnam, John Wade and his wife Kathy seek refuge in a cabin on the shore of a Minnesota lake. Kathy disappears. Is she in the lake or did she escape John and his past? In this psychological thriller, Pulitzer Prize winning author Tim O'Brien takes us into the mind of a person able to hide the truth even from himself. Haunting and beautifully written. I couldn't put it down –Katie S. and Bernie D. ■



NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: FICTION

Block, Lawrence. BURGLAR IN THE RYE
Brand, Max. STOLEN GOLD
Cornwell, Patricia. BLACK NOTICE
Coulter, Catherine. THE EDGE
D'Amato, Barbara. HARD EVIDENCE
Delinsky, Barbara. LAKE NEWS
Dickey, Eric Jerome. CHEATERS
Eagle, Kathleen. WHAT THE HEART KNOWS
Ellison, Ralph. JUNETEENTH
Hemingway, Ernest. TRUE AT FIRST LIGHT
Higgins, Jack. THE WHITE HOUSE CONNECTION
Kienzle, William X. NO GREATER LOVE
Oates, Joyce Carol. BROKE HEART BLUES
Pearson, Ridley. THE FIRST VICTIM
Roberts, Nora. CARNAL INNOCENCE
Sanders, Lawrence. MCNALLY'S DILEMMA
Turtledove, Harry. INTO THE DARKNESS
Vonnegut, Kurt. BAGOMBO SNUFF BOX
Zahn, Timothy. ICARUS HUNT

NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: NONFICTION

Cramer, Richard Ben. JOE DIMAGGIO: THE HERO'S LIFE
Dent, Harry S. THE ROARING 2000S
Eisler, Benita. Byron: CHILD OF PASSION, FOOL OF FAME
Ginsberg, Allen. DEATH AND FAME: LAST POEMS 1993-1997
Jewel. LIFE STORIES
Owen, David. THE MAKING OF THE MASTERS: CLIFFORD ROBERTS, AUGUSTA NATIONAL, AND GOLF'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENT
Reynolds, Michael. Hemingway: THE FINAL YEARS
Solomon, Burt. WHERE THEY AIN'T: THE FABLED LIFE AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF THE ORIGINAL BALTIMORE ORIOLES, THE TEAM THAT GAVE BIRTH TO MODERN BASEBALL
Stewart, Martha. MARTHA STEWART'S HORS D'OEUVRE HANDBOOK
Stone, Steve. Where's Harry? STEVE STONE REMEMBERS HIS YEARS WITH HARRY CARAY

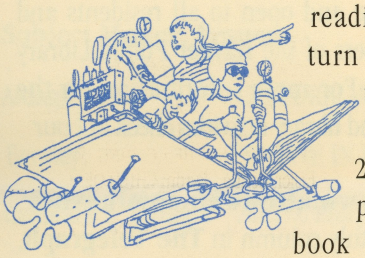
Special Events at Hayner

Trek On Down To Hayner And Read The Summer Away!

Sign up for the 1999 summer reading club — **Time Trek Readers** — between June 5 and July 3 at the Youth Library or the Alton Square Branch Library. The **original** virtual reality device is waiting for you at the library: a compact, *portable, interactive* laptop unit called **The Book!** *Just plug in your imagination* and you have total access to any thing, any time, any where. Reading club is open to all kids ages 0-15. Even prereaders can participate if an adult agrees to read to them.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult caregiver who can co-sign the registration. Teens (ages 12-15) can register on their own. Registration for all summer programs is in-person only; we regret we cannot accept telephone registrations.

Those who complete at least 6 hours of reading and turn in their time slips by August 2 win a free paperback book reading award. Books will be distributed at the End of Summer Party on August 5 at the Riverbend Arena, Lewis & Clark Community College. If you can't make the party you can pick up your book at the Youth Library any time between August 6 and August 28.



Reading club members also receive incentive prizes for every 6 hours of reading completed up to 30 hours. Those who read 30 hours or more will have their names posted on the **Century Readers** display at the Youth Library. Those who read the most hours in each age division are declared our **1999 Reading Champions**. The school with the highest percentage of students completing the reading program will win the Friends of the Library **Traveling Summer Reading Trophy**.

Summer schools and day care centers can partner with the library as outreach sites and participate in the summer reading program at Hayner. Call Pam Klipsch at Hayner Youth Library (462-0652) for more information.

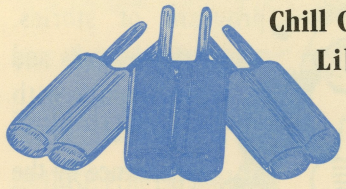
Activity Programs

In addition to the summer reading club, the library provides a variety of activity programs for children and teens. All library programs are free and open to any resident or cardholder of Hayner Public Library District. Some programs have age limits, and the number of participants may be limited due to available space. Registration for all programs opens June 5 unless otherwise noted. Register in person only at the location where you plan to attend the program. Registration for each program closes when all available places are filled. No activity programs meet during the week of July 4-10.

J.D. Junior Volunteers

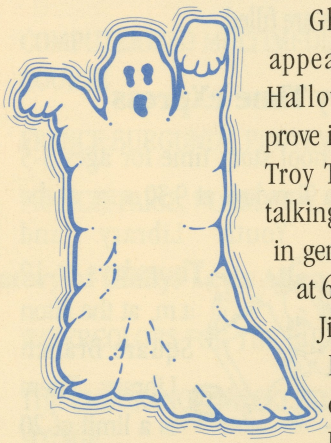
Our summer service project for ages 12-15 provides an opportunity to teens to volunteer one day a week at the Youth Library during the summer. You can pick up an application packet at the Youth Library beginning May 3. We will begin accepting volunteer applications at the Youth Library on Tuesday, June 1. Enrollment is limited to ten volunteers.

Saturday, June 12
9 a.m.



Chill Out At The Library on Saturday, June 12th. The first 100 children (ages 0-15) who check out books from the Youth Library will receive a free frozen juice popsicle. *The funs starts when the library opens at 9 a.m.!*

Wednesday, July 7
6:30 p.m.
Ghost Author at Adult Library



Ghosts don't appear just at Halloween, and to prove it, local author, Troy Taylor will be talking about ghosts in general and local at 6:30 p.m. in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room of the Adult Library. Taylor, originally from Decatur, Illinois, owns and operates *Riverboat Molly's Book Company* in Alton. He has written nine books about ghosts and hauntings in America, including **The Ghost Hunter's Handbook** and his latest book, **Haunted Illinois**. He is also the editor of *Ghosts of the Prairie* Magazine, a travel guide to haunted places in America; and president of the American Ghost Society, a network of ghost hunters from the U.S. and Canada. Copies of Mr. Taylor's books will be available for purchasing after the program. Seating is limited. Please call the Adult Library to register at 462-0651.

Special Events at Hayner

Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m.

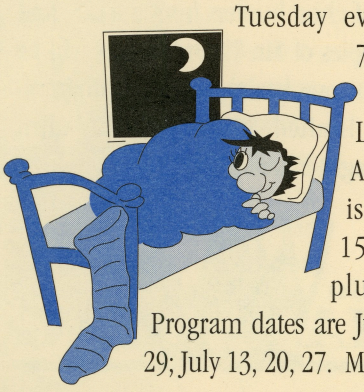
Santa In The Summer Sunday a program of stories, songs, simple crafts and refreshments with a special guest appearance by the Ho-Ho-Ho Guy will be presented Sunday, July 25 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Library. This program is designed for children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Due to space limitations we can take only 20 children for this program. Registration will open Saturday, July 17 and close when all available places are filled.

Story Time eXpress

Our preschool story time for ages 3-5 will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Library and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Alton Square Branch Library. There is a limit of 20 children at each location. Program dates are *June15/17, 22/24, 29/July 1, 13/15, 20/22, 27/29*. Activities include stories, songs, fingerplays, exercises, puppet shows and video films.

Mr. Sandman eXplores Time

Our bedtime story time for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the Youth Library. Attendance is limited to 15 children plus adults. Program dates are June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27. Mr. Sandman and the Lullaby Lady provide a program of stories, songs, fingerplays, rhythmic activities, and puppet shows. Children may attend in their pajamas.



X Crafts: Alien Artifacts Around The World

CRAFTS, CRAFTS, CRAFTS

Our family crafts and activities program for ages 6-11 will feature amazing crafts from many worlds. We have scheduled three sessions: Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 at the Youth Library, and Thursday mornings at 11 at the Alton Square Branch Library. Attendance in each session is limited to 20 children; adults are welcome to attend with their children and help with the crafts. Program dates are June 15/16/17, 22/23/24, 29/30/July 1, 13/14/15, 20/21/22, 27/28/29.

eXcentreks: Traveler's Tales Video Festival

Our summer video festival is for children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Programs are held on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. at the Youth Library, and generally run about one hour. No registration is required. Program dates are June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29. The list of films scheduled will be available at the library beginning June 5.

The Secret Garden Read-Aloud

Library staff will read aloud from favorite stories on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Youth Library Garden. This program is for children of all ages accompanied by an adult. No registration is required. Program dates are June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29. Please bring cushions, towels or blankets to sit on, and the library will provide something cool to drink!

Book Previews: New Book for Kids for Adults Who Work With Them

Teachers and other adult caregivers who work with kids will have an opportunity to view and discuss recent fiction and nonfiction books for children and teens available at Hayner Youth Library. Hayner has one of the largest collections of materials for kids in the Metro East area. We will offer two sessions on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Library: Session I will be held June 16 and 23, Session II will be held July 14 and 21. Each session is limited to 12 participants. Learn more about the resources available to you and your students at the library.

Remember the Library is Free for All!

All library-sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all residents and cardholders of the Hayner Public Library District. For more information on the library and library activities check out our website at: **http://www.altonweb.com/hayner**, our monthly column in **The Telegraph**, or catch us on **WBGZ Radio's** morning call-in show. Or call the library.

Main Library
326 Belle Street
462-0651

Youth Library
401 State Street
462-0652

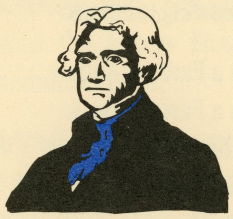
Branch Library
Alton Square
463-1276

JENNIE D. HAYNER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION GIFT BOOKS

On different occasions the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association gives books to the library in appreciation and in memory of individuals that have given of their time to the library association. The following booklists honor some of these individuals

Books ordered in **appreciation of Charles Godfrey's** many years of professional service on behalf of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association include:

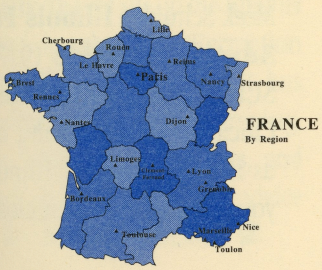
Brown, R.B.	LINCOLN LORE: LINCOLN IN THE POPULAR MIND
Byrd, Max	JEFFERSON (Large Print)
Fehrenbacher, D.E.	PRELUDE TO GREATNESS: LINCOLN IN THE 1850'S
Fletcher, George	BASIC CONCEPTS OF LEGAL THOUGHT
Neely, M.E.	*THE LAST BEST HOPE OF EARTH*
Scheurman, W.E.	THE RULE OF LAW UNDER SIEGE

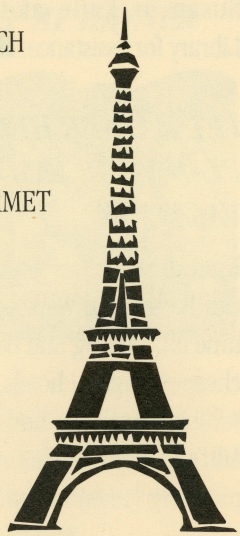


Books ordered in **memory of Mary Ellen Griswold Middleton**, who was a devoted, active member of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association board from 1957 until 1997 include:

Subject Matter: France–

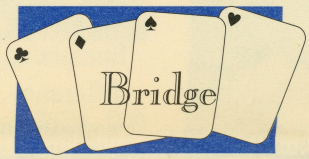
Ardagh	CULTURAL ATLAS OF FRANCE
Bentley	TO LIVE IN FRANCE
Cameron & Salinger	ABOVE PARIS
Hyde	IMPRESSIONISTS FOR KIDS
Kelder	GREAT BOOKS OF FRENCH IMPRESSIONISM
Phillipe	FRANCE FROM THE AIR
Price	FRANCE FOR THE GOURMET TRAVELER





Subject Matter: Contract Bridge–

Goren	NEW BRIDGE COMPLETE (2 copies)
Goren & Sharif	THE FUN WAY TO SERIOUS BRIDGE
Kantar	BRIDGE CONVENTIONS
Kantar	BRIDGE FOR DUMMIES

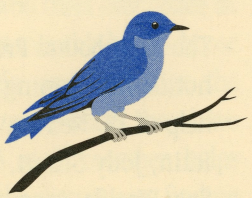


Videos:

Grant	GETTING STARTED (3 video set from the American Contract Bridge League)
	COMPUTERIZED MULTIMEDIA BRIDGE COURSE
Steves	FRANCE:BURGUNDY, PROVENCE, LOIRE
Steves	FRANCE: PARIS, NORMANDY, BRITTANY

Books ordered in **memory of Gladys Levis Allen** include:

Audubon	WATERCOLORS FOR THE BIRDS OF AMERICA
Lansing	THE ENDURANCE:SHACKLETON'S INCREDIBLE VOYAGE
Catlin	*LETTERS, NOTES ON THE MANNERS, CUSTOMS & CONDITIONS OF THE NORTH* AMERICAN INDIANS
Truettner	THE WEST AS AMERICA
Tyler	AUDUBON'S GREAT NATIONAL WORK
Twain	LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI (Large Print)
Stewart	CARL WIMAR CHRONICLEER OF THE MISSOURI RIVER FRONTIER



These booklists were prepared by Ella Anschuetz and Jody Morrissey, members of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to **Susan Huber** and **Rick Lauschke**, new board members, who join the Hayner Public Library District Board of Trustees. Susan and Rick were the elected candidates from a slate of six candidates running for library board trustee in the April 13th general election, along with incumbent **Kevin Botterbush**.

New Board Members
Susan Huber & Rick Lauschke

Susan is an Alton High School graduate with an associate's degree from Belleville Area College in physical therapy. She is a physical therapy assistant at Alton Physical Therapy PC and a member of the Friends of Hayner Library. Susan's mother, Sarah Huber, served on the library board for 12 years which sparked her interest in running for trustee. She states that "I just grew up at the library. It is a big asset for Alton and I have time to make the commitment to a good cause. We need to promote it better to the community. The present board and staff are doing a great job."

Rick is director of sales and marketing for Premier Air Center of Bethalto. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and spent 16 years working for IBM in sales and marketing. Rick said he was raised to "give back to the community" and wants to do so by serving on the library board. He also served on the Alton School District's Facility (field house) Planning Committee. He feels that the library is a great facility and wants to do anything that he can to promote and improve it with his business experience. ■

HAYNER HOMEBOUND SALUTES ITS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for Hayner's Homebound program make a difference with their special warmth and care. The library would like to say thank you for their services and for the extra time shared with the program's users. The volunteers are a shining inspiration for the work performed. They make a world a better place and we appreciate their efforts.

From left to right (sitting) Jody Stuart, Ginger Thomeczek, Dr. Ned DuVivier
Standing: Stephanie Munson, Kathie Rain, June Weinrich

A special luncheon served by Stephanie Munson, Homebound Program Coordinator, was given in honor of the thousand of hours the volunteers in the Homebound program give to Hayner Library's Homebound patrons during National Library Week.

The Homebound Program would not be functioning without the help of Dr. Ned DuVivier, Kathie Rain, Jody Stuart, Ev Keehner, Spiv Woelfle, June Weinrich and Iris Saaf. ■

NOVELIST DATABASE AVAILABLE AT HAYNER

"I like to read mysteries set in Chicago with female protagonists." "Could I have a list of books written by Toni Morrison?" "I'd like to read some of the Nebula Award winners – which books have won?"

If you've ever had a question similar to any of these, you'll love the NoveList database. Made available to Hayner Library through the Illinois State Library, this Internet reader's advisory database is the place to look for your favorite type of fiction books. You can look up books using any of the following methods:

Match a Favorite Author
Match a Favorite Book
Describe a Plot
Best Fiction
Explore Fiction

Once you have generated your initial list, you may choose to find similar books to the ones on your list, or browse through lists of books you've generated and save choices to a personal list.

Come in and try the NoveList database on the Internet at any of the Hayner locations. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Susan or Katie at the Adult Library for assistance. ■

LET HAYNER HELP YOU PLAN YOUR FAMILY VACATION

Even at its best, a good vacation can be a lot of work–scheduling time off; finding and booking the cheapest flights, hotels, or rental vehicles; packing, and planning. Add children to this mayhem–packing toys, supplies, and clothing, plus worrying about how to keep them safe and entertained–and you may be tempted to throw in the towel and stay home! Don't despair, though–Hayner Library has plenty of resources on how to make the most of your family vacation this year.

Don't leave until you've looked at Claire Tristram's **Have Kid, Will Travel: 101 Survival Strategies for Vacationing with Babies and Young Children** (306.874 TRI). This gem covers everything: road, air and international trips, camping, hotels and restaurants, special situations, and emergencies. When you are ready to decide on a destination, try one of these: **Super Family Vacations Resort and Adventure Guide,** by Martha Shirk (917.04 SHI); **Great Family Vacations: Midwest and Rocky Mountain Region,** by Candyce H. Stapen (917.8 STA); **50 Great Family Vacations: Western North America,** also by Candyce H. Stapen (917.8043 STA); or **The Best Bargain Family Vacations in the U.S.A.,** by Laura Sutherland. More specialized information can be found in Herb Gordon's **The Joy of Family Camping** (796.54 GOR) or Rita Aero's **Walt Disney World for Adults and Families, Too!** (917.592 AER).

If you'd rather not stray far from home, you can still have fun outings with your kids. Lori Meek Schuldt's **Illinois Family Adventure Guide** (917.7304 SCH) covers attractions in Chicago and the vicinity, as well as in other areas of Illinois. If you want to stay even closer, try

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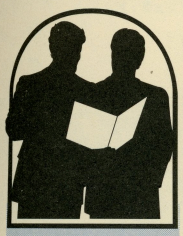


PATRON PROFILE: Robert St. Peters

by Bernadette Duvernoy,
Library Assistant

Robert St. Peters, this issue's patron profile, is a true Alton Landmark! A native of Alton, Illinois, Bob has had a rich and varied career and has consistently given of himself to family, country, community and friends.

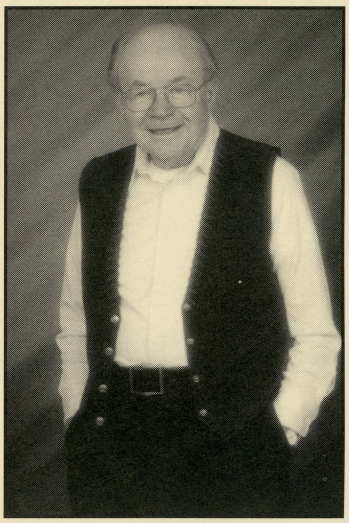
Bob attended Marquette High School, graduating with the class of 1942. In June, 1943 he was inducted into the Navy and served until April, 1946. He was an Electrician Mate 2nd Class serving on the USS Franklin CV-13 aircraft carrier. The Franklin served in the South Pacific and was in five major battles. It was the most decorated and most damaged ship in naval history to return to port under its own power, a trip of 13,000 miles. Bob has been President of the USS Franklin Museum Association since 1987.

After leaving the service Bob went to St. Francis Seminary for one year. He left the seminary, moved to Philadelphia and married a former Senior USO Hostess, Helen Lowrey, whom he had met while serving in the Navy. Bob and Helen moved back to Alton in 1952 and raised their family of four children - Robbie, Helen, Joan & Janice (twins). Bob worked for McDonnell-Douglas for 23 years as a Senior Design Engineer.

In 1970, Bob became a charter member of the Alton Area Landmarks Association. He has been President for 25 years. Bob led the fight to save the Alton Riverfront and thus the city named the former Front Street "Landmarks Blvd."

Bob's wife, Helen, was responsible for starting and developing the school library at Sts. Peter & Paul Grade School, which is now known as the Helen St. Peters Memorial Library.

Helen passed away in 1995. That was the same year Bob began studying the violin under Pete Pancella at Lewis & Clark



Bob St. Peters

Community College. Today, Bob plays once a month at St. Clare's Adult Day Care Center to "a most appreciative audience." Bob also plays percussion with the New Horizon Band at Lewis & Clark Community College. He has also performed the Hawaiian Guitar for audiences at Hayner Public Library and Red Lobster Restaurant.

Bob is a wonderful friend to all of us in the library. He always has laughter to share and a great enjoyment of life that is contagious. Thank you, Bob, for all your contributions to the community and to your friends! ■

"NECESSITIES OF SPRING"

by Cathie Lamere

Spring is upon us,
Winter is over,
Soon we'll be able
To romp in the clover.

The breezes are warmer,
The lawns are now greening.
Winter's damage is showing–
It's time for yard preening!

Garden beds to attend now–
We hoe and we rake.
It looks so much better,
But my muscles all ache!

I thought I could sit,
Relax and just read.
A library book-
Is just what I need!

At the library,
I browsed and I wandered.
An enormous selection–
I paused and I pondered.

The shelves were quite full.
It was really astounding.
The books and the music
And films were surrounding.

I forgot all my pains,
My tiredness abated.
With all my great finds
I felt truly elated.

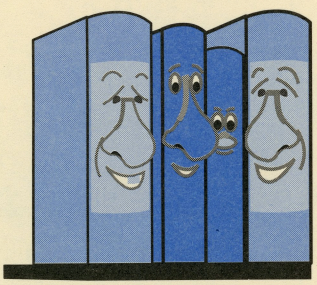
I made my selection,
Went home, had a look.
And the next thing I knew
I was lost in a book. ■

VACATION continued

Elizabeth Leiber's **Spending Time With Your Children St. Louis Style,** which covers fun activities you can do with your kids on both sides of the river.

For more tips on how to travel with kids, check out the **Yahoo! Family Travel** site on the Internet (http://dir.yahoo.com/Recreation/Travel/Family_Travel/). It has information on family camping, tours, planning, travel toys, and more, as well as tips and advice on how to travel with kids. ■

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP AT HAYNER



If you love books and love to read, join us for the book discussion group held once a month at Hayner Library.

The group meets from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on the fourth Friday of every month. Meetings are held in the Metzger Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Youth Library downtown. The group currently has about ten members who meet over coffee to discuss that month's book, choose future picks and exchange the names of good reads they have found. A staff member helps moderate the discussions, finding brief and sometimes offbeat biographical information about the authors and a few literary reviews.

The group has met at the library for over a year and book choices have included fiction, non-fiction and mysteries. Some group favorites: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines — profoundly moving; *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson — the group loved it and can't wait to read his new one; *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, a non-fiction about the home front under F.D.R. — led to great personal reminiscences about the war years.

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Whether you just love books, want to try new authors, or would like to share the thoughts you have after you've finished the last page, join us for our book discussion group. New members are welcome. Upcoming titles and dates for discussion include:

May 28th

Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood. Based on an actual 19th century murder case in which a young housemaid is convicted of killing her employer and his mistress. Offers a look at the developing fields of psychology and hypnosis.

June 25th

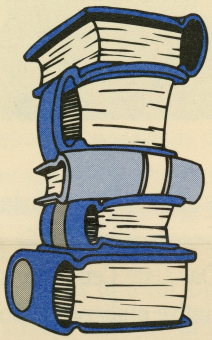
Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner. Stegner's masterpiece and a Pulitzer Prize winner, the story of four generations and the developing American West with a wheelchair-bound retired historian's quest to learn about his grandparents, now dead, at the story's heart.

July 23rd

House of Mirth by Edith Wharton.

The story of Lily Bart's fall from New York society at the turn of the century because she did not fit its idea of what a woman her age should be.

Anyone interested in joining the book discussion group or just trying out a session can contact Katie at Hayner's Adult Library downtown or call the Adult Library at 462-0651. ■



BEYOND WORDS: CELEBRATING AMERICA'S LIBRARIES PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

"Delivery Day"
From left: Stephanie Munson, Homebound Program Coordinator, Pauline Seago, Pauline Wills, Stella Corn, Mary St. Clair, Agnes Short

Gail Betts was the first place winner in the adult amateur division of the library's Beyond Words photo contest. Gail was awarded $100 for her winning photo of "Delivery Day" from Hayner Library at Hillcrest Apartments. Gail's photo has been forwarded to the national photo contest being sponsored by the American Library Association. Congratulations, Gail and good luck on the national level. ■

GARDENING RESOURCES

It's that time of year when everyone becomes obsessed with gardening. Here are some of our newer gardening books:

Ellis, Barbara W. **Taylor's Guide to Growing North America's Favorite Plants** (OVERSIZE 635.9097 ELL).
Lacy, Allen. **The Inviting Garden: Gardening for the Senses, Mind, and Spirit** (635 LAC).
McClure, Susan. **The Midwest Gardener's Book of Lists** (635.0977 MCC)
Starting from Seed: **The Natural Gardener's Guide to Propagating Plants** (635.9 STA)
Tibbs, Mike. Growing Classing Orchids (635.9344 TIB)

For more specialized information on summer gardening, try one of these:

Better Homes and Gardens. **Gardening Weekends: Strategies for the Busy Gardener** (635 WOO)
Kulla, Patricia Shannon. **Make Your Summer Garden Last All Year** (635 KUL)
Midwest Gardening: **A Seasonal Video Guide** (VIDEO 635 MID)
Toogood, Alan R. **The Flower Garden: Summer Flowers from Seed** (635 WOO; at Branch)
Xerxes Society. **Butterfly Gardening: Creating Summer Magic in Your Garden** (595.789 BUT)

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BANNED BOOKS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 2) CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM TO READ!

Hayner Public Library will participate in Banned Books Week with special displays and handouts at all three library locations. Banned Books Week is an annual national event co-sponsored by the American Library Association, the American Booksellers Association, the Association of American Publishers, the Library of Congress Center For The Book and other national groups that uphold the traditional and uniquely American values enshrined in the First Amendment: the right of every individual to decide for himself what he will read, hear, view, think and speak.

America's public libraries play an important role in maintaining the First Amendment rights of every citizen to share in the free and open exchange of information and ideas necessary for people to govern themselves. This summer at the American Library Association's annual convention in New Orleans, retired General Colin Powell, speaking at the opening general session, applauded America's libraries and librarians for the work they do, and especially their concern for the well being of families and children.

In a statement adopted this summer, *Libraries: An American Value*, ALA has reiterated its commitment to the people libraries serve. The Board of Trustees and staff of the Hayner Public Library District are proud to endorse this statement and adopt it as the policy of this library. Copies of *Libraries: An American Value* will be displayed at all Hayner locations to remind us that the people we serve are the reason we are here. ■

SEPTEMBER SIGN UP AND WIN!!!!

Well, the summer's over, the kids are back in school and guess what? Homework, science projects, term papers, book reports are all looming on the horizon! Time to get that most important of school supplies . . . a library card. September is ***Library Card Sign-Up Month*** and we would like to see EVERYONE be able to take advantage of our wonderful collections. Students can check out materials to prepare their assignments. Business people can keep up to date with the current periodicals and business books or, if you're looking for a new job, maybe books on resume prep and interviewing techniques would be helpful. Of course there's nothing like having the latest best seller to read on a cool fall night. Whatever your reading needs, come to the library, let us show you around and sign you up for a card. For added encouragement during the month of September, every new card issued to a child or teenager at the Youth Library will come with a free paperback book to keep or get a free local area map when you sign up for a new card at the Hayner Main and Branch locations. To get a library card couldn't be easier. Just bring proof of residency in Alton, Godfrey or Fosterburg (drivers license or checkbook or tax bill etc.) to any Hayner location. It only takes a few minutes... Remember if you are under eighteen, parent or guardian signature is required. Your new card can be used at all three Hayner locations, at any public library in the Metro-East area and throughout the entire state of Illinois. Come to the library and WIN ! ■

Things to Know...
About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, if you would like to be added to the mailing list or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Labor Day
Monday, September 6,
Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11,
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25

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FIDDLE MUSIC RETURNS!!

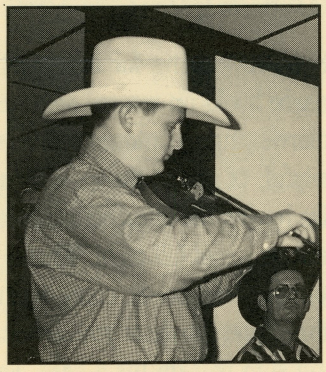
Last fall, the library featured violin and fiddle music by Pete Pancella and Mary Neist. They return this year on November 9, 1999.

Pete and Mary Pancella

The founder and Director of the Lewis and Clark Camerata, Pete Pancella has been performing and teaching in the region since 1985. In recent years, he and Mary (now husband and wife), have collaborated on a number of projects. Holding a Masters in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame, Mary, now Mary N. Pancella, is organist and Director of Choirs at Holy Infant Church in Ballwin. Although her major instruments are piano and organ, her role in the duo includes vocals and guitar as well as keyboards. Their polkas, tangos and waltzes were featured last year at First Night River Bend. In January, both were involved in the festivities surrounding the Pope's visit to the United States — Mary in the Archdiocesan Choir and Pete as Director of the Louis IX Consort. From there it was on to the Christopher Radko Ornament promotion for several hours of Irish music.

As a special guest this year, the library welcomes a young but seasoned fiddler. Aaron Hummert, a freshman at Belleville West, has been studying violin for nine years and piano for six years. He also plays guitar and five-string banjo. In addition to playing the violin with the Metro-East Junior Philharmonic Orchestra, he is very active in the local bluegrass and traditional music community. He has won several awards for fiddling including first place at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Old Time Fiddling Contest. He was honored with the Pappy's Choice Award for dedication to the art of fiddling at the 1998 Pappy Wade Ray Fiddling Contest. He also won first place in the Illinois State Fair Junior Fiddling Championship in 1998.

The centerpiece of this year's program will be American style traditional string music. Improvisation is the main ingredient in the old style folk music, whether it comes from the Appalachian Mountains or the plains of Texas. Out of Kentucky came Bill Monroe, who with his "Bluegrass Boys" became a chief ambassador of this difficult-to-categorize music. Up-tempo arrangements with vocal harmonies gave Monroe's music enough commercial appeal to create a whole new genre of music. The trio will perform this "bluegrass" music as well as what some prefer to call "old time" or "old style" music.



Aaron Hummert

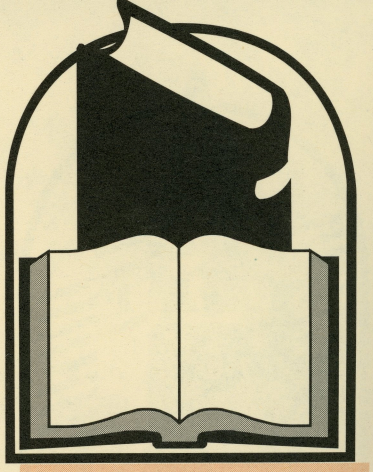
You do not want to miss this exciting evening of foot stamping, hand clapping musical entertainment. There is no charge for the show but seating is limited so please call the Adult Library to register at 462-0651. The performance will be held at 6:30, Nov. 9, 1999 in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room of the Adult Library. ■

SUNDAY MATINEE AT HAYNER — INTERNATIONAL & INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

International and independent films will be the focus of a new film series on Sunday afternoons at Hayner Public Library this fall. Starting Sunday, October 17 and running through December 5, new films added to the Hayner video collection will debut on the widescreen television in the Metzger Conference Room, located on the lower level of the Hayner Memorial Building, 401 State Street. Films will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. A list of films and showdates, with brief descriptions of the films, will be available at all Hayner locations beginning October 1. No registration is necessary to attend.

Over the last eight years the library has developed an extensive collection of international and independent films on video as part of its participation in a regional cooperative project with other Metro East libraries. Some titles are unique, not readily available anywhere else in southern Illinois. Many Hayner patrons appreciate the chance to view films from around the world, as do library users throughout the region, who make use of Hayner's collection via interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.

In keeping with library policy, parents make the final decision regarding their children's use of the library and its resources, including their attendance at library-sponsored programs. ■



NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: FICTION

Block, Lawrence. BURGLAR IN THE RYE

Brown, Sandra. IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

Christie, Agatha. THIRTEEN PROBLEMS

Clarke, Arthur C. Greetings, CARBON-BASED BIPEDS

Coonts, Stephen. CUBA

Cornwell, Patricia. BLACK NOTICE

Dickey, Eric Jerome. CHEATERS

Dickey, James. THE JAMES DICKEY READER

Gear, Kathleen O'Neal. THE VISITANT

Hemingway, Ernest. TRUE AT FIRST LIGHT

Paretsky, Sara. HARD TIME: A V.I. WARSHAWSKI NOVEL

Steel, Danielle. IRRESISTABLE FORCES

NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: NONFICTION

Canfield, Jack. CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE UNSINKABLE SOUL

Child, Julia. JULIA AND JACQUE'S COOKING AT HOME

Clooney, Rosemary. GIRL SINGER

Gabaldon, Diana. THE OUTLANDISH COMPANION

Glenn, John. JOHN GLENN: A MEMOIR

Kincaid, Jamaica. MY GARDEN (BOOK)

Least Heat Moon, William. RIVER HORSE

McCartney, Linda. WIDE OPEN

Russell, Jan Jarboe. LADY BIRD: A BIOGRAPHY OF MRS. JOHNSON

Shipton, Alyn. GROOVIN' HIGH: THE LIFE OF DIZZY GILLESPIE

Special Events at Hayner

Preschool Story Times for Ages 3-5

Registration for the Fall Session of Preschool Story Time opens Saturday, September 4. Children must be three years old as of September 1, 1999 to attend this session. Story Times are held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Library, and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Alton Square Branch Library. Meeting dates for the fall session are September 14/16, 21/23, 28/30; October 5/7, 12/14, 19/21. Programs include puppet shows, stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays, rhythmic movement, and videos. Space is limited and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis . To register call Gloria Mitchell at the Youth Library, 462-0652 or Rhoda Cairns at the Branch Library, 463-1276.

Registration for the Holiday Session of Preschool Story Time will open Saturday, October 30. Meetings for this session will run from November 9/11 through December 14/16. Children must be three years old as of November 1, 1999 to attend this session.

Bedtime Stories for Ages 2-5

Mr. Sandman and the Lullaby Lady are back with another session of their popular Bedtime Story Time this fall! Registration opens September 4 for this program, held on Tuesday nights at 7:15 p.m. at the Youth Library. Space is limited to 15 children, accompanied by an adult. Meeting dates are September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19. To register, call Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

Mr. Sandman and the Lullaby Lady will also have a Holiday Session of Bedtime Stories. Registration opens October 30 at the Youth Library. Meeting dates run from November 9 through December 14.

Crafts, Crafts, Crafts

Special Wizard Of Oz Centenary Craft Series for Ages 6-11

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Illinois author L. Frank Baum's classic children's story, the Youth Library is offering a special year-long craft series, developed and presented by local artist and therapist Lisa Kay. Registration opens Saturday, September 4, and is limited to 20 children. We will take registrations until all available places are filled. Parents are welcome to attend with their children and help with the activities. Programs will be held on the second Thursday of each month from October through April, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Library.

Because of limited space and anticipated demand for this program we ask parents to be reasonably sure your children will be able to attend all the monthly programs in this series before you sign up. We don't want to turn children away because registration has closed and then have empty places at the programs when those who registered don't show up.

Make Mine Music! After School Crafts for Ages 6-11

Registration for the Fall/Winter Series of After School Crafts also will open September 4. This series will meet on the third Thursday of the month, October-January, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Library. Again, space is limited. Parents are welcome to attend with their children and help with the craft activities.

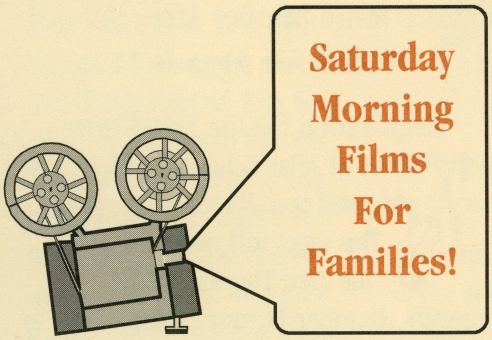
To register for either the Wizard of Oz or the Make Mine Music! Craft Series please call Geralyn Lindow at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

Traveling Puppet Show

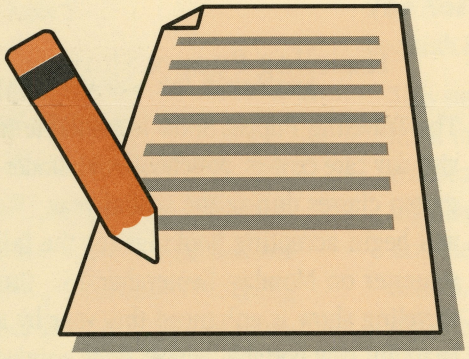
The Traveling Puppet Show is available to visit day care centers, preschools and kindergarten classes during the school year. We will begin accepting bookings for the fall semester on Monday, September 13. Our traveling show is enhanced this year by a beautiful new portable puppet stage painted to look like the facade of the historic Youth Library building, with Jennie D. Hayner looking out the library's window! To book a visit to your classroom call Gloria Mitchell or Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

Come Join the Fun!

Special Events at Hayner



The library recently received the gift of a 60 inch widescreen television for video film programming! Those who attended our summer story time and film programs can attest to the enhanced enjoyment of films viewed on the big screen! This fall we are starting a Saturday morning film series for families: Specially For Kids: Award-Winning Films From Around The World, at 10:30 a.m. at the Youth Library. The list of films and show dates, with descriptions of each film, will be available beginning October 1 at all Hayner locations. Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend. No registration is required. For more information call Pam Klipsch.



Teen Read Week
October 17-23

To celebrate Teen Read Week locally, the library is repeating its Short Story Contest for Teens this fall. Teens in grades 6-8 and 9-12 are invited to submit short stories on any subject or theme, 500-750 words in length. Entry forms will be available at all Hayner locations beginning October 17; the deadline for submitting your stories is December 23 at the Youth Library. The library will include all entries in a book published in the spring of 2000. First, second and third place prizes with cash awards of $50, $35 and $20 will be awarded to the best three stories in each division (grades 6-8 and 9-12). A committee of library staff will select the winning entries.

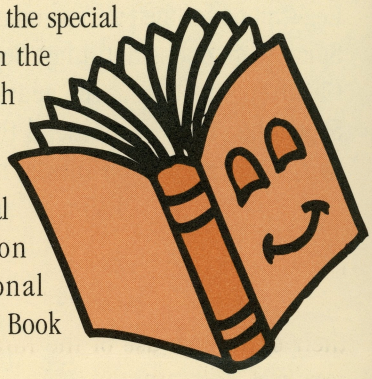
Student representatives from Hayner area high schools are invited to pose for photos promoting their favorite books to other teens. The photos will be blown up to poster size and displayed at the Alton Square Branch Library during Teen Read Week, then presented to the student's school to display throughout the year. If you are interested in participating, call Pam Klipsch at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

Sparks & Spooks
Halloween Story Telling
October 28

Our annual Halloween program for kids ages 6-11 accompanied by adults will be held before the fireplace in the Youth Library on Thursday evening, October 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Riverwinds Storytellers will present a program of spooky tales, and every child will receive a Halloween favor to take home. Registration opens Saturday, October 16. Call the Youth Library at 462-0652.

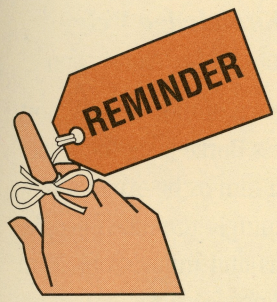
Children's Book Week
November 14-20

Check out the special displays in the Youth Library during our annual celebration of National Children's Book Week.



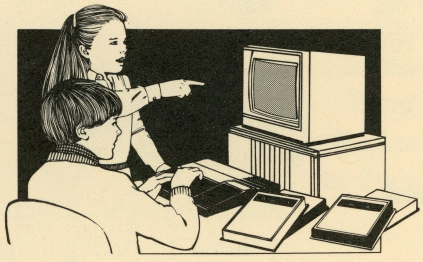
Family Reading Nights
November 17 & 18

Families are invited to join us in celebrating the special bond created when kids and parents share books and reading! The Youth Library will celebrate Family Reading Night on Wednesday, November 17, and the Alton Square Branch Library will celebrate on Thursday, November 18. Each evening begins with a parent-and-child reading together time from 6:30 to 7 p.m., followed by a family story time featuring a special guest-of-honor reader: Alton Mayor Don Sandidge at the Youth Library and Godfrey Mayor Mike Campion at the Alton Square Branch Library! Afterwards we'll draw names for the winners of $25 gift certificates and enjoy refreshments. Every child will receive a free paperback book to take home.



A Reminder To Parents

For their safety and your peace of mind, children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) while using the library. An adult must sit with any child under the age of eight when the child is using the library's computer equipment. Parents are responsible for supervising their children's use of the library and its resources. Library staff are happy to advise and assist parents and children in determining those resources most appropriate to their needs and interests.

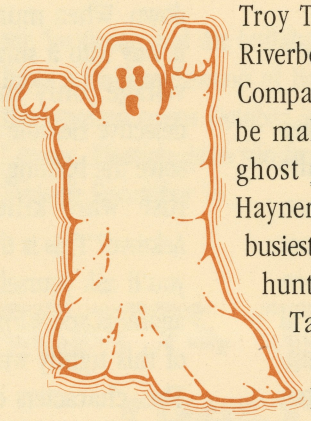


Any person whose behavior disrupts the orderly conduct of the library will be asked to leave. Parents will be asked to remove children whose behavior is disruptive. Children of any age should not be left alone at the library for prolonged periods of time. If unaccompanied children are not picked up before the library closes, staff will attempt to contact the parent or guardian and arrange for the children to be picked up. If no one can be reached, or if the parent or guardian fails to arrive within twenty minutes of the posted closing time, library staff will call the police and ask them to assume custody of the children until the parent or guardian can be located.

These rules are designed to insure the safety and well-being of your children. The library staff appreciate your cooperation.

HAYNER ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

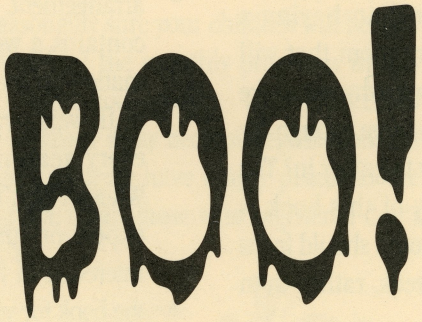
MORE GHOSTS AND HAUNTINGS
October 13



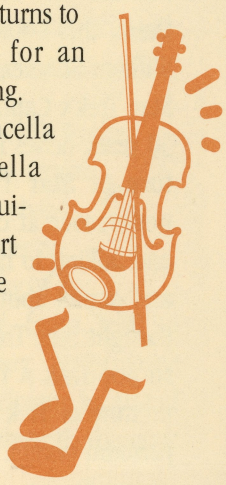
Troy Taylor, owner of Riverboat Molly's Book Company in Alton, will be making an encore ghost presentation at Hayner in October, the busiest month for ghost hunters. In July, Mr. Taylor awed an audience at the Library with his tales about ghosts, where to find them, and how to look for them. He is the author of several books on ghosts, edits *Ghost of the Prairie* magazine, and is the president of the American Ghost Society.

Mr. Taylor will be available after the program to autograph copies of his books, including his two new books, **Ghost Hunter's Guidebook** and **Season of the Witch**.

Join us for more ghost lore on Wednesday night, October 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room of the Adult Library downtown. Seating will be limited, so please call the Adult Library to register at 462-0651.



BLUEGRASS FEST
November 9



Violinist Pete Pancella returns to Hayner Main Library for an evening of music and song. Accompanying Mr. Pancella will be Mary N. Pancella (vocals, keyboard and guitar) and Aaron Hummert (first place winner of the 1998 Illinois State Fair Junior Fiddling Contest). The trio will perform 'old time' and bluegrass music in the Jimmie J. Keller Reading Room at the Adult Library Nov.9, 1999 at 6:30. No charge for the show but please register your attendance by calling the Adult Library at 462-0651. This promises to be a great evening of exciting, lively entertainment....you don't want to miss it!!

Remember the Library is Free for All!

All library-sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all residents and cardholders of the Hayner Public Library District. For more information on the library and library activities check out our website at: **http://www.altonweb.com/hayner**, our monthly column in **The Telegraph**, or catch us on **WBGZ Radio's** morning call-in show. Or call the library.

Main Library
326 Belle Street
462-0651

Youth Library
401 State Street
462-0652

Branch Library
Alton Square
463-1276

STAFF PICKS - WHAT WE'RE READING

Get a Life!
by William Shatner. Non-fiction

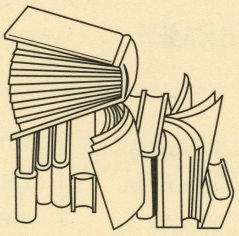
For all you Trekkies out there, this book is a treat! William Shatner, who played Star Trek's Captain Kirk for 30 years, delves into the culture of Star Trek, going undercover at conventions and talking to fans, dealers, and actors about why they thought Star Trek has been so popular. A fascinating mixture of Trek history and personal insight.
-Susan K.

Amy and Isabelle
by Elizabeth Strout. Fiction

Her teenage daughter's emerging sexuality forces single mother Isabelle to face her charged relationship with her daughter and the lies and secrets that have locked her own life. Beautifully written with characters the author cares about–I'll bet Oprah finds this one.
-Katie S.

Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing
by Melissa Bank. Fiction

A light, witty read that follows narrator Jane Rosenal from a teenager watching her older brother's relationships to an adult trying to wisely navigate her own, all the while wondering if there really are rules that make it work by telling you when to fish and when to cut bait.
-Katie S.



A Prayer for the Dying
by Stewart O'Nan. Fiction

In this novel which explores the nature of evil and the limits of human endurance, a Civil War veteran must save a small Midwestern town beset with fire and plague–or go mad trying. Written in the second person, you will shudder as you read this gothic tale.
-Bernie D.

Timbuktu
by Paul Auster. Fiction

Poignant and original novel told by a dog about his adventures following the death of his bestfriend, a deranged master.
-Bernie D.

The Not So Big House
by Sarah Susanka. Non-fiction

This sumptuously illustrated book focuses on homes for real people. Instead of spending money on a huge house, says the author, invest in the details of a home that are important to you. For example, rather than having a huge dining room that will never be used, why not make the kitchen large enough for your family to gather in? The philosophy of this book is that your house should focus on your needs, rather than size.
-Susan K.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
by Agatha Christie. Mystery

Hailed by critics as "the most famous deception of all," it's a book you won't want to put down. When murder makes it way into a small English village, only the famous detective Hercule Poirot can solve the baffling crime. But just who killed Roger Ackroyd? This is the question you'll ask yourself time and again as you turn the pages of this tightly written story. The characters come alive as the hero eliminates each suspect until only one remains. So who killed Roger Ackroyd? Check it out and see. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.
-Mary P.

Arranging Flowers: How to Create Beautiful Bouquets in Every Season
by James A. Baggett. Non-fiction

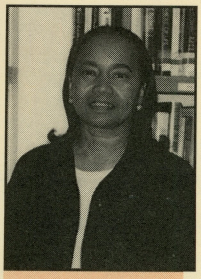
Part of Martha Stewart Living, this book has hundreds of full color photographs flood the pages of this helpful book of flower arrangements. From large and exotic to small and quaint, this book is a visual delight with detailed instructions on how to make each arrangement. The book also contains a wealth of information on the different types of flowers available during every season of the year. Whether you're a gardening expert or just a beginner interested in flowers, this is the book for you.
-Mary P.

The Knowledge Web
by James Burke. Non-fiction

Science author and TV host James Burke takes the reader with him as he explores how seemingly unrelated people, ideas and innovations form a "knowledge web" supporting his belief that everything is connected to everything else. Like the Internet, Burke sets out links that the reader can use to jump to his related topics, seeing for example, how Burke connects Joan of Arc and vaudeville. Not science so much as knowledge and a fascinating read just jumping to the topics that interest you.
-Katie S.

Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned
by Walter Mosley. Mystery

Main character Socrates ("Socco") is trying to find some salvation for himself and make amends for the crimes in his past while struggling to survive the poverty, violence and despair of Watts in the nineties. Life is hard and his hands are anything but clean yet Socco never quits trying to claim his place as a human being.
- Pam K.



PATRON PROFILE: Dr. Shirley Portwood

by Bernadette Duvernoy,
Library Assistant

Dr. Shirley Portwood, Professor in the Department of Historical Studies at SIUE is the subject of this issue's patron profile. Dr. Portwood is originally from southern Illinois. She received her BA and a Masters in History at SIUE. She continued her study of history at Washington University in St Louis, specializing in three distinct fields: African American History, American Woman's History and Modern Russia. Dr. Portwood obtained an additional Masters Degree as well as completed her Doctorate at Washington U. While she was working on these degrees, she was teaching at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. She has been teaching at SIUE since early 1980s.

Driving on the River Road to do research on Alton history, Dr. Portwood and her husband sited the perfect spot for a house on the bluffs. They bought that lot, built their home and have been Altonians for the last seven years.

Dr. Portwood is extensively published. She wrote a fascinating paper titled "The Alton School Case and African American Community Consciousness 1897-1908" published in the Illinois Historical Journal (Spring '98.) It details the events and politics that were responsible for the segregation of Alton's schools in 1897 and the lawsuit championed by the black community to fight segregated schools. This suit went to the Illinois Supreme Court and the court found in favor of desegregation though it would be many years before the ruling would be achieved. A copy of this article is kept on file in our Illinois Room. Dr. Portwood did much of the research for this work here at Hayner using the library's city directories, census records, Illinois room materials etc.

Dr. Portwood has delivered professional papers in Canada, Sweden, Australia and throughout the U.S. on many different aspects of African American history. Under an Illinois Humanities Council Grant, She co-chaired a three day conference (Spring '97) titled "Community Building and Resistance: African-Americans in the Land of Lincoln". Dr. Portwood is the recipient of multiple grants and awards in recognition of her research and publication.

Dr. Portwood also has a book scheduled for publication in the spring of 2000, titled "'Tell Us a Story': An African American Family in the Heartland". As the family historian, Dr. Portwood was often telling family history/stories to her daughter and later to her grandchildren. It was for her grandchildren that she decided to write this book– she did not want their rich heritage to be lost to them. Her research included using state and local records from Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. She has been able to document ancestor history all the way back to a great great great grandfather!

Dr. Portwood and her husband, Harry (retired engineer and manager) love to travel and have made multiple trips to Europe. This summer they spent ten days in Japan. The Portwoods also like traveling throughout the US south and wherever they go they are avid antique-ers!

Dr Portwood commented how much she and her husband love the library and appreciate the great variety and accessibility of even the newest (or most unusual) material. We are anxious to see her book on the shelves at Hayner! ■

BOOKS ON TAPE

BOOKS ON CD

If you like to listen to your books, check out these and the many other new fiction titles recently added to our collection of books on tape.

Harris, Thomas. HANNIBAL
Evanovich, Janet. HIGH FIVE
Bank, Melissa. GIRLS' GUIDE TO HUNTING AND FISHING
Ellison, Ralph. JUNETEENTH
Reichs, Kathy. DEATH DU JOUR
Delinsky, Barbara. LAKE NEWS
Sandford, John. CERTAIN PREY
Fitch, Janet. WHITE OLEANDER
Peters, Elizabeth. FALCON AT THE PORTAL
Griffin, W.E.B. THE SOLDIER SPIES
Mueller, Marcia. A WALK THROUGH THE FIRE
Roberts, Nora. RIVER'S END
Karon, Jan. A NEW SONG
Crais, Robert. L.A. REQUIEM
Brown, Sandra. SEND NO FLOWERS
Koontz, Dean. SEIZE THE NIGHT
Plain, Belva. FORTUNE'S HAND
Binchy, Maeve. TARA ROAD
Clark, Mary Higgins. WE'LL MEET AGAIN

Your car has a CD player? Hayner has recently begun collecting books on CD. Some new titles include:

King, Stephen. BAG OF BONES
Evans, Nicholas. HORSE WHISPERER
Binchy, Maeve. TARA ROAD
Brown, Sandra. UNSPEAKABLE
Grisham, John. TESTAMENT
Clancy, Tom. NET FORCE
Steel, Danielle. BITTERSWEET
Rice, Anne. VITTORIO
Patterson, Richard North. NO SAFE PLACE
King, Stephen. THE GIRL WHO LOVED TOM GORDON
Plain, Belva. FORTUNE'S HAND

AS THE MILLENNIUM APPROACHES : WHAT WOULD YOU PUT IN A TIME CAPSULE?

Y2K, a new century, a time to look forward but also a time to reflect. The changes in our world over the last one hundred years are mind boggling. Cars, air flight, space flight...telephones, answering machines, faxes, pagers, portable phones....dictation machines, electric typewriters, business systems....phone mail....internet....television, film, vcrs.....not to mention social, political, financial revolutions. We thought it would be fascinating to create our own pseudo time capsule. What are the four things you feel belong in a capsule that represents our world today? What literature, art, events are the most memorable or important to having shaped the twentieth century? Who's your greatest hero? Mark McGwire, JFK or maybe a favorite uncle? What stands out about your school, town or family that you would want to share with people one hundred years from now?

If you are 8 or 88, we would love to hear from you. Look for our time capsule display in all the Hayner libraries throughout November and December. Fill out a capsule form with your thoughts, some of your favorite things about life today or a special memory of past times. Then, come the new year, we will share the results with you....and blast off into tomorrow! ■

HAYNER FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends Fall Book Sale will be held Oct. 7 - 9. Thursday, Oct. 7, will be 'preview night' from 6:00 PM till 8:30 PM. ($5.00 admission fee this night only.) Friday, Oct. 8, the sale will be open 9 AM till 7 PM - free admission. Sat, Oct. 9, hours are 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM - free admission. ■

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DAYS

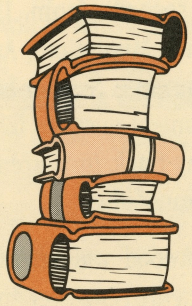
The festival for Lincoln Douglas Days will be held the weekend of Oct 9th and 10th. Hayner Youth and Adult Libraries will be participating with other downtown and civic organizations. There are going to be **LOTS** of fun activities for children and adults. Mark your calendar now - it's going to be a great family weekend!! ■

WHO WROTE THAT???

Can you identify the source of this quote???

"On the rocks above the present city of Alton they found some rude and fantastic Indian paintings, which they describe. A short distance below "a torrent of yellow mud rushed furiously athwart the calm blue current of the Mississippi boiling and surging and sweeping in its course logs, branches and uprooted trees," This was the mouth of the Missouri..."

Hint: from the classic nonfiction work by one of America's greatest authors and humorist. Answer in next newsletter...and no fair calling the Reference Desk on this one! ■



BOOK CLUB NOTES

Book lovers – check out the book discussion group at Hayner Library. The group meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Frances Metzger Conference Room located in the lower level of the Youth Library downtown. New members are always welcome. Upcoming titles and dates for discussion include:

SEPTEMBER 24th
Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood.
Returning to the city where she grew up for a retrospective of her paintings, artist Elaine Risley relives the joy and pain of friendships that are still shaping the person she is today.

OCTOBER 22nd
All Over But the Shoutin'
by Rick Bragg.
Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Rick Bragg's memoirs of overcoming poverty and an alcoholic father through the determination of his remarkable mother.

NOVEMBER 19th
The Color Purple
by Alice Walker.
Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

For more information, call Katie at Hayner's Adult Library at 462-0651. ■

"BUILD IT -THEY WILL COME"

This past fiscal year at Hayner Public Library (July 1, 1998 - June 30 1999) is also the first full year of operation for the expanded and remodeled Branch Library. Strong growth is seen in all key areas and particularly in patron usage. In Fiscal Year (FY) 97/98, 325,464 patrons made use of Hayner Library (all locations). In FY 98/99 this number skyrocketed to 438,516 - a 35% increase in patron usage! This growth was predominately due to increased use of the new Branch facility at Alton Square Mall....proving "build it - they will come" applies to more than just ball fields!

Other areas of growth include circulation - up from 334,900 to 352,687 (+5%) and registrations are up from 2,213 to 2,421 (+ 9%). Additionally, over 4000 reference questions were answered and over 18,000 items were added to the library's existing collections. We are very excited to see the growth in patron usage. It represents increased service to the community and that is certainly one of our most important objectives.

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Youth 462-0652
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LINCOLN DOUGLAS DAYS — A GREAT SUCCESS

On October 9th and 10th downtown Alton celebrated Lincoln Douglas Days. The festival featured musical programs, a basketball shootout, booths selling crafts and specialty items and lots of great food booths, too! Of course, we're especially proud to announce that the Children's Tent sponsored by Hayner Library was a great success. The theme was "Step into History...19th Century Crafts and Fun." For no charge, the children were provided the materials to make 19th century replica toys including yarn dolls, tumbling puppies and acrobats, floating balls and the hugely popular Piasa Bird mask. Volunteers from Hayner Library staff as well as Alton Memorial Hospital and the Alton Belle Casino staffed the tent for the two days teaching the children how to make the crafts and helping them just have fun! Also at the tent, the children could paint their own pumpkins or flower pots. They loved this activity and by Sunday we had to expand 3 times to accommodate everyone yielding a paint brush! And what creativity... kids of all ages were discovering their innate artistic nature (some more innate than others!) Linda Thomas from the Evangelical United Church of Christ also volunteered her skills as the tent's face painter- painting faces and hands with a design chosen by the child...this was popular with children and adults alike! The Abe and Mary Lincoln photo cut out board was also generating more than a few laughs. One 'more senior' couple had their picture taken as Abe and Mary and loved it so much they decided to use it in their Christmas Cards this year! A special thanks to Geralyn Lindow, Library Assistant in the Youth Library. Geralyn spent many hours researching and planning the crafts and activities as well as planning supplies, making prototypes and teaching the volunteers.

On Sunday, winners of the First Annual Lincoln Douglas Days Essay Contest were announced. Flyers for the contest were distributed to the local schools with three different themes. The grade school students were asked to write or illustrate "What I would do with a 500 pound pumpkin." The middle school topic was "Alton...Past Present and Future". High school grades were asked to write "Why the Downtown/Riverfront Area is Important to Alton". Judging of the essays was done by Hayner Library staff and funding for the Savings Bond Awards was provided by St. Anthony's Health Center. The essay winners were asked to read their essays at the main stage area as they were presented with their award. Winners were: (Grade School) Vanna Lenhardt- $100 savings bond, Angela Copeland and Nicholas Harris- $50 savings bond, Jessica Harder and Alyssa Wedding - $25 savings bond. No middle school entries were received. High school winners were: Rachel Kirchner and Drew Weaver - $100 savings bond, Susie Mook- $50 savings bond and to Mary Maggart a $25 savings bond. Congratulations all!!

Thank you again to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped out at the Hayner Children's tent. Your contributions put smiles on a lot of faces! ■

Things to Know...
About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, if you would like to be added to the mailing list or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS
The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Christmas
December 24, 25 & 26
New Year's Eve & New Year's Day
December 31 & January 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Kevin Botterbush, President
Francis Martin, Treasurer
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HOLIDAY SURPRISE!

A special donation was made to Hayner Library of beautiful library Christmas ornaments. We would like to share these with you, our patrons, and will be distributing the ornaments at each of the Hayner Library locations.
Happy Holidays to all!!!

NEW LIBRARY STAFF POSITION

On July 1, 1999, a new position was created for the Hayner Library staff: Public Relations Coordinator. That position was filled by Bernadette Duvernoy who has worked at the library since 1996. This position is one that more and more libraries are instituting to help promote and increase library presence in the community. Bernadette's responsibilities include ensuring library involvement in community groups and events; writing and editing the quarterly newsletter; representing the Library to the media including press, radio and television; planning and executing special interest events; display designs, marketing of library services and directing development of library programs and activities that will provide benefit to the entire community. Bernadette comments that she is excited about this new opportunity at Hayner- a library that is "progressive, full service and an important part of the community."

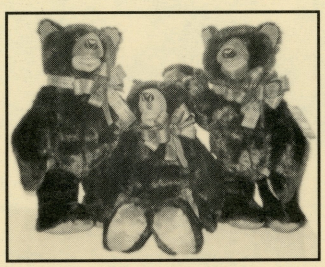
Bernadette Duvernoy

Bernadette and her husband moved to Alton in 1993. Previously, Bernadette lived in New York City, Dallas and Chicago. She worked for the IBM Corporation for fifteen years in a variety of marketing jobs including five years as Marketing Manager to the Chicago Securities & Finance Industry. In 1989, she was recognized as IBM's Midwest Marketing Manager of the Year. Bernadette's interests include reading (of course!), music (she plays the viola and has recently acquired a cello) and playing with her two Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Since starting her new position, some of Bernadette's activities have included producing the library's newsletters, creating and maintaining displays for the branch and main libraries, writing and applying for marketing grants, managing Hayner participation at Lincoln Douglas Days, representing Hayner to local press and radio, planning programs for Women's History Month and the Library of Congress Bicentennial. She has also organized and presented multiple special interest programs for the main library. She has lots of plans for the new year and she also welcomes patrons' suggestions of programs they might like to see! ■

WIN A HOLIDAY-BEAR PUPPET . . . .

Starting November 26th, you can drop by the library to register to win one of three Teddy Bear hand puppets that the library district is giving away....they're especially festive for the holidays! Any



Hayner Library cardholder is eligible (except for Hayner employees and their family members). Winners will be announced on WBGZ on December 17th. Ballot boxes for the drawing will be at all three Hayner locations: Main Library at 326 Belle St., Youth Library at 401 State Street and the Branch Library at Alton Square Mall. ■

FOOD FOR FINES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Beginning November 26th and continuing through December 31, 1999, anyone that has an overdue item checked out from the library can pay their fine with a canned goods food item (one item each fine, current fines only, Hayner material only). All food items collected throughout the holiday season will be given to the local food pantry in the Alton area. Even if you do not have an overdue item, feel free to donate items for the food drive. Happy Holidays! ■

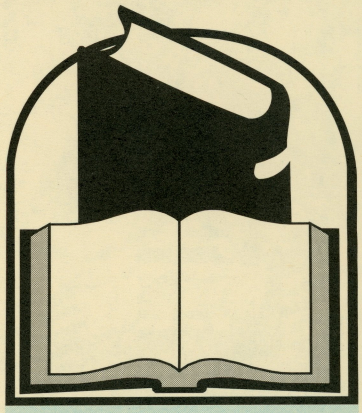
NEW EMAIL REFERENCE SERVICE

Need to know the address of a company in California? The definition of a word? The birthday of your favorite celebrity? Find out without even picking up the telephone!

The Reference Department at Hayner Library is proud to announce another form of access: email reference service. If you have an answer you need looked up, you may email the Hayner Reference Department at hayneref@lcls.org. A reference librarian will try to respond to your question as soon as possible.

This service does not undertake in-depth research projects, and we cannot give out legal or medical information. However, we are happy to refer users to sources that might provide information on such issues.

For more information about our new service, please call Susan or Katie at 462-0651. ■



NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS:

FICTION

Brooks, Terry. ANGEL FIRE EAST
Caputo, Philip. THE VOYAGE
Chace, Rebecca. CAPTURE THE FLAG
Coel, Margaret. THE LOST BIRD
Connelly, Michael. VOID MOON
Fraser, Anthea. ELEVEN THAT WENT UP TO HEAVEN
Hillerman, Tony. HUNTING BADGER
Jensen, Jane. MILLENNIUM RISING
Jordan, Robert. THE FURTHER CHRONICLES OF CONAN
Kaminsky, Stuart M. HIDDEN AND OTHER STORIES
Keating, H.R.F. THE BAD DETECTIVE
Kunhardt, Philip B., Jr. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT (COMPANION TO 10-PART PBS SERIES)
LaValle, Victor D. SLAPBOXING WITH JESUS
Nichols, Peter. VOYAGE TO THE NORTH STAR
Shreve, Anita. FORTUNE'S ROCKS
Siegel, Barry. ACTUAL INNOCENCE
Stewart, Fred Mustard. THE NAKED SAVAGES
Unsworth, Barry. LOSING NELSON
Vachss, Andrew. EVERYBODY PAYS

NONFICTION

Armstrong, Louis. LOUIS ARMSTRONG, IN HIS OWN WORDS
Atkins, Robert C. DR. ATKINS' AGE-DEFYING DIET REVOLUTION
Buchanan, Patrick. A REPUBLIC, NOT AN EMPIRE: RECLAIMING AMERICA'S DESTINY
Delbanco, Andrew. THE REAL AMERICAN DREAM
Dunn, Erica. BIRDS AT YOUR FEEDER: A GUIDE TO FEEDING HABITS, BEHAVIOR, DISTRIBUTION, AND ABUNDANCE
LETTERS OF THE CENTURY: AMERICA 1900-1999
Moyers, Bill. FOOLING WITH WORDS: A CELEBRATION OF POETS AND THEIR CRAFT
Murray, Stewart. AMERICA'S SONG: THE STORY OF YANKEE DOODLE
Scarry, Elaine. DREAMING BY THE BOOK
Stein Fred. MEL OTT: THE LITTLE GIANT OF BASEBALL
Stewart, David. THE PBS COMPANION: A HISTORY OF PUBLIC TELEVISION
Taylor, Ann. WATCHING BIRDS: REFLECTIONS ON THE WING
Wamba, Philippe E. KINSHIP: A FAMILY'S JOURNEY IN AFRICA AND AMERICA
Wegman, William. FAY

Jan. 30- "Eternal France" - travel from the Roman ruins in Provence to L' arc de Triomphe in Paris. This beautiful film explores France's history, art and culture.

Feb. 6- "Route 66-An American Odyssey" - discover the thrills, laughs and sheer kicks of America's Main St.!

Film schedules are available at all Hayner locations - no registration required.

Mardi Gras at Hayner - featuring "You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band" March 7 – 6:30 p.m.

Bud Shultz and the "You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band" will appear in concert for Mardi Gras at the Hayner Main Library on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. The "YCBEJB" is an organization of six musicians from the Greater St. Louis, Metro-East area. Specializing in Traditional and Dixieland Jazz, the group also treats more modern pieces with a Dixieland flavor. Bud Shultz, of Godfrey, is the Leader. His clarinet and curved soprano sax have been heard by many music afficionados in the Riverbend area for many years. Besides leading the "YCBEJB", he has appeared at the Spring 1997 Alton Landing Jazz Fest and his "Marina Stompers" have been regulars in the Alton Halloween Parade for many years. Appearing with Bud will be Tom Wyatt of Alton playing trombone, Ted Vogel of St. Louis for keyboard and vocals, Linton Luetje of Florissant on the tuba, and Ken Link on the drums. There will also be trumpet accompaniment. Come celebrate Fat Tuesday in real New Orleans style! It's going to be a great show! The program is free but advanced registration is required. Register by calling the Main Library at 462-0651.

Remember the Library is Free for All!

All library-sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all residents and cardholders of the Hayner Public Library District. For more information on the library and library activities check out our website at: **http://www.altonweb.com/hayner**, our monthly column in **The Telegraph**, or catch us on **WBGZ Radio's** morning call-in show. Or call the library.

Main Library • 326 Belle Street
462-0651

Youth Library • 401 State Street
462-0652

Branch Library • Alton Square
463-1276

FROM THE ILLINOIS ROOM

by Katie Schrimpf, Reference Librarian

Did you know...

At one time there were so many Altons that nearby settlers gave them the collective name of "Yankee-all-town". There were several Altons started about the same time; the Alton from Piasa to Henry; Joseph Meacham's Alton (Upper Alton); 'Alton on the River,' first known as Bates' farm, later purchased by Meacham and then by Maj. Hunter. Besides there was an Alton west of Piasa Creek and Salu north of Upper Alton. The adjacent settlers were in the habit of lumping these together and calling them 'Yankee-all-town.' Norton's *Centennial History of Madison County, Illinois and Its People,* p.468 (IR 977.3N88c)

From the same source a humorous story on p.611 reminds us that even heroes and martyrs have their weaknesses! "Mrs. (John) Bostwick, when a young girl, met Elijah P. Lovejoy, as she was returning from school at Jacksonville in a stage coach. On the journey Mr. Lovejoy produced a cigar and said to Miss Hingham, as she then was, 'Do you object to tobacco smoke?' She said she did, 'decidedly.' To this the future martyr replied, 'Some people do,' and proceeded to smoke his cigar."

Alton also has ties to a "Smiling Lincoln" through famous Alton tenant, Alban Jasper Conant. "It was Conant who painted Shurtleff's beloved 'Smiling Lincoln,' said to be the only portrait for which Abraham Lincoln actually sat. While Dr. Daniel Read was president of Shurtleff College, he saw this portrait exhibited...Since Conant lectured at the college at this time, Dr. Read invited him to bring the painting to Shurtleff. He did-and it was purchased for $125.00 with money donated by Mr. Kendall. Early in the 1890's, Paul Harney, Shurtleff art instructor, recovered this portrait. For years it had been rolled up, was dusty and dirty, after lying under the stairway in the Chapel building. He, under the close supervision of the now, almost blind, artist Conant, restored the 'Smiling Lincoln.' Countless students admired and enjoyed it in Carnegie Library -until 1971- when it was taken to the archives of Lovejoy Library at Southern Illinois University Campus in Edwardsville."

Footprints and Echoes From Historical Alton Area by Viola W. Voss, p.20 (IR977.38V96f)

There are many facts waiting to be uncovered in Hayner's Illinois Room at the main library. Come use our sources and find not only history, but the humorous facts and curiosities that make it interesting. ■

TRACK HAYNER EVENTS ON THE WEB!

The Hayner Library home page **(www.altonweb.com/hayner)** has been modified to include a listing of coming events taking place at the library. Just click on Events Calender to check out what's happening. Make sure to stop here often so you don't miss any of the great programs available through the library, free of charge! You can also check us out on www.altonweb.com by clicking on the Community Calendar.

STAFF PICKS - WHAT WE'RE READING

Chump Change

by David Eddie. Fiction

Though I may be some years beyond 20-something, I really enjoyed this novel about the life and times of a lost member of Generation X. The protagonist is witty, wicked, smart, a bit of a brat and very funny! This was an honest book that made no excuses for this character's bad behavior yet I liked him-maybe because he so often made me laugh -Bernie D.

McNally's Dilemma

by Lawrence Sanders. Mystery

The McNally series of mysteries are sheer fun! The stories revolve around Archy McNally, ne'er-do-well son of a brilliant lawyer, who is thrown out of Yale Law school. Dad sets him up in the investigative arm of the family law firm and Archy gets himself involved in all kinds of juicy Palm Beach scandals and crimes. Archy McNally reminds me a bit of Archie in the Nero Wolfe series...smart mouthed with an eye for the girls. Sadly, Lawrence Sanders has passed away so this may be the last in the McNally series...I'll miss Archy and the other eccentric characters who populate these books -Bernie D.

The Third Heiress

by Brenda Joyce. Fiction

Jillian Gallagher's life is just like a fairy tale-until her fiancé Hal is killed in a car crash, uttering the name "Kate" with his last breath. Returning his body to his home in England, Jill stumbles across a picture of an American heiress, Kate Gallagher, who bears a strong resemblance to Jill-and who disappeared in 1908. Increasingly certain that Kate was her great-grandmother, Jill searches to discover the truth about Kate-her disappearance, her fate, and Hal's obsession with her. As her search leads her closer to the truth, it leads her closer to danger and romance also. A riveting page-turner for lovers of romantic suspense -Susan K.

Murder with Peacocks

by Donna Andrews. Mystery

Poor Meg Langslow has been roped into being bridesmaid for-and chief organizer of-three weddings: her mother's, her brother's, and her best friend's. It's hectic enough having to arrange details for three women who pile heaps of work and last-minute arrangements upon her (Peacocks running around at a wedding?!), but now a wedding guest has been found dead-and it looks like murder. Meg's investigation, taking place amidst the antics of the largest and weirdest bunch of relatives you've ever seen, is not to be missed -Susan K.

T. S. Eliot: An Imperfect Life

by Lyndall Gordon. Non-fiction

Lyndall Gordon's work on the definitive biography of T. S. Eliot, to date, is synthesis at its best. Gordon blends documental biography, literary interpretation and brilliant psychological insight as she unwaveringly exposes Eliot's most human flaws. A must read for afficionados of literary biography -Midge H.

Friday the Rabbi Slept Late

by Harry Kemelman. Mystery

Rabbi David Small uses his "little gray cells" as well as Hercule Poirot. This first book in the Rabbi Small series emphasizes not the murder but the logical paths of Rabbi Small's thinking. We learn, too, about the Jewish faith as seen from the Rabbi's point of view-which can be very different from his congregation's. The Rabbi has such a reasonable path of thinking that you will wonder why you didn't see it yourself -Jan H.

Beachcombing For a Shipwrecked God

by Joe Coomer. Fiction

If you have a "must read" list, this should be on it. A young archaeologist flees her home to escape her smothering in-laws after her husband dies. She takes a room aboard a houseboat, sharing quarters with a blue-haired widow, an abandoned teen, and a dog too ugly for words. Beautifully written, Coomer creates characters as real as they are touching. His story is funny and poignant with a bottom line of unconditional friendship and the strength it gives to face the past. Movie rights optioned by Jodie Foster -Katie S.

The Lighthouse Stevensons

by Bella Bathurst. Non-fiction

The story of the Stevenson dynasty, the family that not only produced writer Robert Louis Stevenson, but also built the lighthouses along Scotland's coast. Not a book about engineering or even Scotland but about the strong personalities it took to overcome nature's obstacles and build these lighthouses that still light Scotland's coast today. Reads like fiction -Katie S.

The Talented Mr. Ripley

by Patricia Highsmith. Fiction

Tom Ripley is a true sociopath. A little murder won't stop him if he wants something-and he wants to be someone else. Highsmith shows us the twists and turns of a mind that feels no guilt over murder and thrills at playing the game of getting away with it especially since he's assumed his victim's identity. Soon to be a movie starring Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow. Highsmith also wrote Hitchcock's movie classic, Stranger on a Train -Katie S.

Big Trouble

by Dave Barry. Fiction

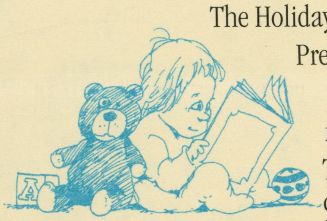
In his first attempt at writing a novel, Dave Barry scores big in Big Trouble. The Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper columnist and author will have you laughing until you cry in his newest adventure. In Miami two Russian arms dealers, a pair of New Jersey hit men, two not-so-bright street thugs, the Miami police department, a man living in a tree, AND the FBI are all chasing after a local businessman who has gone off the deep end. The hitch? None of them know that the other people are involved. The result? The kind of madcap, hilarious adventure expected from one of America's funniest men. If you're a Dave Barry fan, you won't be disappointed in his newest literary avenue. If you're looking for a book to make you laugh, this is it! -Mary P.

Special Events at Hayner

Hayner Youth Library Special Events

All library programs are free of charge and open to any resident or cardholder of the Hayner Public Library District.

Holiday Session of Preschool and Bedtime Story Times Now Meeting



The Holiday Session of Preschool Story Time is meeting on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Library and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Alton Square Branch through December 14/16. There are still some spaces available in both groups. Children must be three years old by November 1, 1999 to participate in story time. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Gloria Mitchell at the Youth Library, 462-0652, or Rhoda Cairns at the Branch Library, 463-1276.

Mr. Sandman's Plum Pudding Tales is meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the Youth Library through December 14. There are a few places available in this group. Children ages two-five accompanied by an adult are eligible to attend this bedtime story time. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

Deadline for Teen Short Story Contest Is December 23

The last day to turn in entries for the Hayner Short Story Contest for Teens is Thursday, December 23 at the Youth Library. Entry forms are available at any Hayner location. Stories must be 500-750 words in length. There are two divisions: Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12). Any student who attends a school located in the library district, or any homeschool student resident of the district, is eligible to participate. The library will publish all entries in a book in the spring. Library staff will select first, second and third prize winners in each division. Prize winners will receive cash awards of $50, $35 or $20. For more information please call Pam Klipsch at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

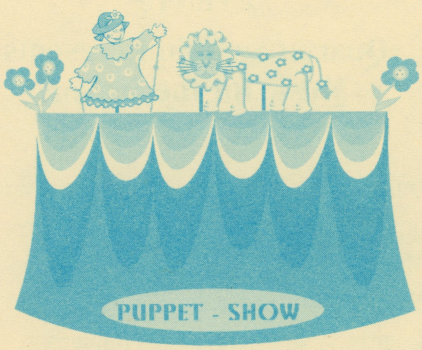
CRAFTS, CRAFTS, CRAFTS

Sign Up For Think Spring! Crafts Opens January 22

The cure for the winter doldrums is: Think Spring! Spring Crafts for ages six-eleven at Hayner Youth Library, that is! Registration for the second semester craft series opens Saturday, January 22 at the Youth Library. Programs are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, February-May, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Space is limited so we will take registrations in person or by phone until all available places are filled. Parents are welcome to attend with their children and help with the crafts. Call Geralyn Lindow at the Youth Library, 462-0652.

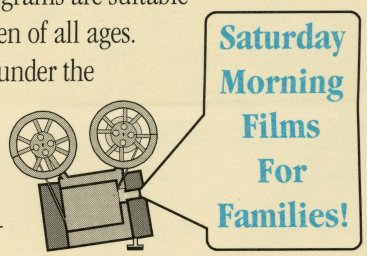
Traveling Puppet Show

The traveling puppet show is available to visit day care, preschools and kindergarten classes by appointment during the months of February and March. We will begin taking bookings on Monday, January 24. Please call Gloria Mitchell or Steve Fahrig at the Youth Library, 462-0652 if you would like the puppet show to visit your class.



Saturday Morning Video Films for Kids Continues

Our Saturday morning video films for families start up again for another eight week series beginning February 6 and running through March 27. Video films are shown every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. on the big screen television at the Youth Library. These programs are suitable for children of all ages. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. A list of the films and show dates will be available at the library in January. No advance registration is required.



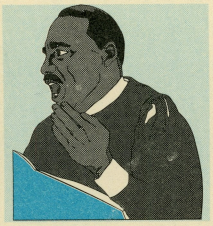
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT HAYNER LIBRARY

Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Twelve Days of Christmas will set the theme for decorations and festivities at the Hayner Youth Library this December. The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Activities include family face painting, stories and songs, a puppet show and a chance to visit with The Jolly Old Elf Himself. (Yes, you can bring your camera and take pictures.) The Friends of the Library provide refreshments, and every child receives a holiday treat to take home. Registration for the party opens Saturday, November 27. You may register in person or by phone at the Youth Library, 462-0652. Space is limited so we will take registrations until all available places are filled.

Special Events at Hayner

Annual MLK Family Breakfast January 17



The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Family Breakfast will be held Monday, January 17 at 10 a.m. in the Multimedia Room of Trimpe Hall at Lewis & Clark Community College. This program is co-sponsored by Hayner Public Library, the Family Literacy Connection/LCCC, and the Alton Housing Authority.

Breakfast will be catered by the college food service, and a program of stories and songs, a puppet show and a take-home craft will be provided by the Youth Library staff. Every child attending the program will receive a free paperback book. Children of all ages accompanied by an adult are invited to attend. Because space is limited, advance registration is required. Registration opens Saturday, January 8 at the Youth Library. We will take registrations in person or by phone until all available places are filled. To register call the Youth Library at 462-0652.

Actress/Activist Reanae McNeal in *Blues Women Don't Wear No Shoes* February 3

Reanae McNeal

Actress and community activist Reanae McNeal returns to Alton with her one-woman show *Blues Women Don't Wear No Shoes*, on Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in Hatheway Hall on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College. Ms. McNeal is the featured speaker for the third annual Eunice Perry Memorial Program co-sponsored by the library and Lewis & Clark Community College. The Allen Singers, a local women's choir, will open the program with a selection of inspirational songs.

Reanae McNeal is a writer, actress, singer, storyteller, minister and inspirational speaker who has performed her one-woman shows at colleges and community centers all over the country. She draws her material from the real life experiences of women trying to survive and succeed in a society that is often uncaring and brutal in its attitudes towards women and children. Adapting the methods of traditional African griots and African American preachers, she involves her audience not just as spectators but as part of the performance itself. Her goal is for the audience to share not just the experiences but the insights derived from the experiences she portrays.

In addition to her performance on Thursday evening, Ms. McNeal also will share her inspirational message *We Must Be Giants Too* with high school and college students at a lecture on Wednesday, February 2 at 10 a.m. in the Multimedia Room of Trimpe Hall. That afternoon at 2:30 p.m. she will present a diversity training workshop for community service providers, also in the Multimedia Room of Trimpe Hall. All of these programs are free of charge and open to the public. Registration in advance is required for the Wednesday afternoon workshop. Registration will open Monday, January 10. Please call Bernadette Duvernoy at the Main Library, 462-0651.

HAYNER MAIN LIBRARY EVENTS

Quartet Seraphin Presents Music for the Season December 13 – 7 p.m.

Quartet Seraphin is an all-women string quartet featuring Wanda Becker and Rose Martin, violins; Sara Pandolfi, viola; and Mary Lou Gotman, cello. Formed in 1983, Quartet Seraphin has played numerous

Quartet Seraphin

programs in the St. Louis area, including the Sheldon Concert Hall, as well as many concerts throughout the states of Missouri and Illinois. They will present a program of classical music for the holiday season on Monday evening, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Jimmie Keller Reading Room of the Main Library. Space is limited so registration is required. To register please call the Main Library, 462-0651 beginning Saturday, November 27.

Arm Chair Traveler - Film Series

Beat the January blues by getting away from it all...for a little while at least. Commencing Jan. 9th Hayner Main Library will sponsor a film series of first run travel videos. Each Sunday at 1:30 p.m. a different film will be shown on the big screen television in the Metzger Conference Room (lower level of the Hayner Youth Library). This series will be presented over the course of 5 successive Sundays. The videos are approximately one hour in length and will include:

Jan. 9th- "Alaska- Spirit of the Wild" an epic adventure into the untamed grandeur of Alaska. Nominated for 1998 Academy Award (Documentary) Short Subject .

Jan. 16th- "The Living Edens-Namib, Africa's Burning Shore" Namib, the hottest of lands is obscured in mist created by the Benguela, one of the coldest ocean currents. See how the inhabitants of this torturous climate have adapted and survive.

Jan. 23- "Touring Italy"- Italy comes alive in fabulous photography. Visit Naples, Pompeii, Venice, Rome, the Riviera and more!

PATRON PROFILE: Mrs. Eleanor Perry

by Bernadette Duvernoy,
Library Assistant

It was such a pleasure to meet Hayner Library Branch patron, Mrs. Eleanor Perry...but it wasn't easy. This lady's schedule is FULL! She belongs to three golf leagues, playing Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and also belongs to several bridge clubs. She sings in her church choir (and has for the last 52 years) and volunteers several afternoons every other week to staff the church business office. Until just this past year, she also did volunteer work for the Crisis Food Center, Meals on Wheels and Alton Memorial Hospital. Oh, did I mention that Mrs. Perry celebrated her nineti-eth birthday this past July?

Born in Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Perry grew up in Texas and Kansas. Her dad's uncle was Governor of Kansas and while in term, Mrs. Perry's dad would manage the governor's ranch in Texas. A love of farming resulted in the Perrys ultimately moving to Emporia, Kansas where Mrs. Perry and her two sisters grew up.

Mrs. Perry attended College of Emporia and obtained a degree in English. Upon graduation, sever-al coincidences were to shape her life. The Superintendent of schools in Clayton, Mo. was also an alum of College of Emporia. In need of a qualified English teacher, he contacted his Alma Mater for prospective candidates and Mrs. Perry took the job!

Moving to Clayton, she joined the Kingshighway Presbyterian Youth Group, as the group's Director was also from Emporia. Involving herself in the group's music pro-grams (she is an accomplished singer having formally studied voice for nine years) she met the piano player, Ralph Perry, who would become her husband of 46 years.

Ralph's job in advertising required the Perrys to move from Clayton to Minneapolis then to Kansas City (Mo.) and ultimately, in 1947, to Alton.

As newcomers to Alton, one of Mrs. Perry's first impressions of the area was the beauty of the campus of Monticello Girls School (now Lewis and Clark Community College). Thinking it would be a fun place to work, she inquired as to any openings for an English teacher. She met with the school president who informed her that the only avail-able opening was to replace a Spanish teacher on leave of absence. Well, Mrs. Perry read for him from a Spanish book and was hired on the spot! (She also has a degree in Spanish.) Mrs. Perry related that during meal-times at Monticello, one teacher would eat at each table of eight girls and each day, a different girl would serve as hostess- this was part of the students' training!

Mrs. Perry subsequently taught American Literature at Alton High School where she worked for 23 years until she and her husband retired to enjoy a favorite hobby: travel. They toured Europe, Canada and visited Hawaii. Sadly, Mr. Perry passed away in 1981.

After her husband died, Mrs. Perry maintained her own home doing all the mowing, hedge clipping and upkeep until a couple of years ago when she said to herself "Eleanor, this is enough." She sold her home and moved to United Methodist Village in 1998. She loves it there for both the free-dom of the lifestyle and the people she's met.

Mrs. Perry keeps so busy with her volunteer work, bridge and golf, yet she also is an avid reader and regular patron of the branch location which is so convenient for her. Asked what she likes to read, Mrs. Perry mentioned authors Mary Higgins Clark and John Grisham as favorites and she loved reading the Jan Karon 'Mitford-series' books.

Mrs. Perry also is busy staying in touch with her nieces, nephews and their families. This past sum-mer the families (including a great, great niece) converged from all around the country to celebrate with her on her nineti-eth birthday. All of us at Hayner library also wish belated best wishes to this delightful lady who (inclement weather aside) is more than likely out on the golf course!! ■

NEW MUSIC CDs

Hayner's CD collection includes many of the great 20th century composers (Copeland, Barber, Bernstein, etc.). Recently, the collection has been upgraded to include many more 20th century composers of perhaps lesser known reputations but great talents, all. These additions include many contem-porary women composers and African-American composers. Titles include:

Overstepping - Eve Beglarian
Desertscapes - a Portrait of American Women Composers - Various
Works by Michelle Ekizian
Dreaming the World - Sorrel Hays
Journeys- Various
Music of Barbara Kolb
Shamansong - Joan La Barbara
Character Sketches- Various
Music by American Women - Various
Kaleidoscope - Music by African American Women - various
Watch and Pray-Spirituals and Art Songs - Various
American Voices - Various
24 Negro Melodies - Various
Piano Music by African American Composers - Various
Witness - the Music of William Grant Still
Symphonic Brotherhood - Various

...and even more waiting for you to check out!

NOTES FROM HAYNER HOMEBOUND *Stephanie Munson, Homebound Coordinator*

I wanted to let our readers know what some of my Homebound Patrons have been doing to keep busy this month. I am on a com-mittee this year for the Celebration of Christmas at Rock Spring Park. The committee was in a bind and needed some help untangling and testing the Christmas tree lights from last year. So I contacted the Hillcrest and Skyline Apartments and asked for some volunteers...well, they all did and OUTSTANDING JOB!!! We are so lucky to have our Seniors....They are a wealth of resources. My hat is off to all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! - Stephanie. ■

HIGH HONOR TO HAYNER PATRON

Congratulations to Robert E. St. Peters (Hayner Patron Profile - summer 1999) on being awarded the 1999 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. The Illinois Humanities Council initiated this awards program to honor individuals who have encouraged greater public understanding of the humanities in their communities. Bob was honored particularly for using his "leadership skills and volunteer energy to enrich the cultural life in Alton especially through heritage and preservation." Alton Mayor Sandidge also proclaimed Thurs. Oct. 14, 1999 as *Robert St. Peters Day*.

As part of Bob's continuing efforts to contribute to the cultural growth of our community, Bob has donated to Hayner Public Library several copies of his wife's (Helen L. Lowery St. Peters) poems titled *First Times and Other Poems*. Bob has presented the library with a copy of a video entitled *Lower State Street Tour*. This video is actually an enhanced copy of a 16 mm film made in the 1970's (audio also enhanced) and presents a walking tour through the Christian Hill Historic District. You can check it out of the library and revisit Alton twenty- five years back!! ■

BOOK CLUB NOTES

The book discussion group at Hayner Library is two years old this winter. The group meets once a month to discuss books, learn about authors, exchange good read recommendations and share discussions mixed with personal insights and laughter. In December the group meets for a Christmas luncheon and exchanges paperbacks.

New members are always welcome. The group meets the fourth Friday of every month from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Metzger Conference Room located in the lower level of the Youth Library downtown. For more information call Katie at 462-0651. Upcoming titles and dates for discussion include:

November 19th
Tara Road by Maeve Binchy. Binchy's bestseller and Oprah Book Club pick. Group meets at TR's Café for this discussion.

December No discussion held.

January 28th
The Color Purple by Alice Walker. Set in the early 1900's, the story of a poor, uneducated woman's struggle to overcome cruelty and abuse from the men in her life. Bold and dealing with mature themes, it won the Pulitzer and American Book Award. ■

WOMEN WHO SERVE - HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROS

March 2000 is Women's History Month and Hayner Public Library has a special program idea for which we need your help. We would like to give special recognition to the women of our community who have served in the armed forces. We would like to compile a diary of experiences of the women of Alton/Godfrey/Fosterburg who served our country both during war time as well as peacetime. Photos (now and then) would be wonderful! The stories we collect will be displayed (with photos) in the library during Women's History Month and ultimately bound in a book-like format. But we need your memories. It doesn't have to be your personal story, it could be mother, grandmother, sister, aunt or friend. Help us preserve our important history by sharing your history with us! Please fill out the Military Service Form available at all Hayner Library locations. If you have any questions, please call Bernadette at the Hayner Main library at 462-0677.

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